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2017 SENATE BILL 207

April 20, 2017 - Introduced by Senators DARLING, OLSEN and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives STEINEKE, PRONSCHINSKE, RODRIGUEZ, SNYDER, BALLWEG, E. BROOKS, EDMING, GANNON, GENRICH, JAGLER, KATSMA, KITCHENS, KRUG, KULP, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SINICKI, SPIROS, STEFFEN, SUBECK, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TRANEL, TUSLER and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs and Senior Issues.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 15.107 (19), 16.03, 20.505 (4) (f), 20.923 (6) (aj) and 230.08 (2)
2 (ye) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating an Interagency Council on
3 Homelessness and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Under the bill, the governor, or the governor's designee, chairs the council and the council consists of secretaries (or their designees) of certain departments, the executive director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, the state superintendent of public instruction, and a representative from each of the four Continuum of Care organizations that serve the homeless in Wisconsin. The bill provides that the council's responsibilities include appointing a director to coordinate the activities of the council and partner organizations; establishing and periodically reviewing a statewide policy for ending and preventing homelessness; designating individuals from state agencies to implement the policy of the council; and implementing the policy in cooperation with state agencies.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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1 **SECTION 1.** 15.107 (19) of the statutes is created to read:

2 15.107 **(19)** INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS. There is created an
3 interagency council on homelessness, attached to the department of administration
4 under s. 15.03. The council shall appoint a director, to serve at the pleasure of the
5 council, who shall be known as the state director to prevent and end homelessness.
6 The director shall coordinate the activities of the council and partner organizations.
7 The council shall meet quarterly and may meet at other times on the call of the
8 chairperson or a majority of its members. The council shall consist of the following
9 members:

- 10 (a) The governor, or his or her designee, who shall serve as chairperson.
- 11 (b) The secretary of administration, or his or her designee.
- 12 (c) The executive director of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic
13 Development Authority, or his or her designee.
- 14 (d) The secretary of health services, or his or her designee.
- 15 (e) The secretary of children and families, or his or her designee.
- 16 (f) The secretary of workforce development, or his or her designee.
- 17 (g) The secretary of veterans affairs, or his or her designee.
- 18 (h) The secretary of corrections, or his or her designee.
- 19 (i) The state superintendent of public instruction, or his or her designee.
- 20 (j) One representative from each of the following organizations:
- 21 1. Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care, Inc., or its successor.
- 22 2. Milwaukee Continuum of Care, or its successor.
- 23 3. Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine, U.A., or its successor.
- 24 4. Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County, or its successor.

25 **SECTION 2.** 16.03 of the statutes is created to read:

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1 **16.03 Interagency council on homelessness.** (1) DEFINITION. In this
2 section, “council” means the interagency council on homelessness.

3 (2) RESPONSIBILITIES. The council shall do all of the following:

4 (a) Establish and periodically review a statewide policy with the purpose of
5 preventing and ending homelessness in this state.

6 (b) Designate individuals from each agency or organization represented on the
7 council, who shall meet at least twice quarterly, to coordinate the implementation of
8 policy established by the council under par. (a).

9 (c) Submit a report on the activities of the council to the governor and to the
10 chief clerk of each house of the legislature, for distribution to the appropriate
11 standing committees under s. 13.172 (3). The council shall determine the frequency
12 of the report and schedule for submitting the report, but may not submit the report
13 less frequently than annually.

14 (3) State agencies shall cooperate with the council and individuals designated
15 under par. (b) in the implementation of the policy established under par. (a).

16 **SECTION 3.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
17 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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18 **20.505 Administration, department of.**

19 (4) ATTACHED DIVISIONS AND OTHER BODIES.

20 (f) Interagency council on homeless-
21 ness operations. GPR A 95,000 95,000

22 **SECTION 4.** 20.505 (4) (f) of the statutes is created to read:

