



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 234**

**Assembly Amendment 5**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 234**

2017 Assembly Bill 234 creates an Interagency Council on Homelessness, attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Administration. The Council is given an operational fund of \$95,000 annually, from which it may appoint a director to coordinate activities.

The Council is required to meet quarterly to establish and periodically review a statewide policy to prevent and end homelessness. In addition to the quarterly meetings, the Council is required to designate individuals from each of the member agencies and organizations who must meet twice quarterly to coordinate implementation of the policy. The Council is required to submit a report on its activities, at least annually, to the Governor and the Legislature. All state agencies are required to cooperate with the Council in implementing its policy.

The bill provides for 13 members of the Council, which include the Governor or designee to act as chair, the heads or designees from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and the Departments of Administration, Health Services, Children and Families, Workforce Development, Veterans Affairs, Corrections, and Public Instruction, a representative from each of the three Continuums of Care organizations, and a representative from the Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 5**

Assembly Amendment 5 specifies that the “state agencies” that are required to cooperate with the Council in implementing its policy are the agencies represented on the Council. These are the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and the

Departments of Administration, Health Services, Children and Families, Workforce Development, Veterans Affairs, Corrections, and Public Instruction.

**BILL HISTORY**

On May 2, 2017, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 5 on a voice vote, and passed Assembly Bill 234, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 98; Noes, 0.

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