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<b>January 2018 Special Session Assembly Bill 4</b>	<b>Assembly Amendment 1</b>
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**JANUARY 2018 SPECIAL SESSION ASSEMBLY BILL 4**

January 2018 Special Session Assembly Bill 4 requires a public housing authority to identify able-bodied residents who are unemployed or underemployed. Once identified, two actions must follow: the authority must require the person's participation in an employability plan and must require completion of a controlled substance abuse screening.

Regarding the second requirement, if the results of a controlled substance abuse screening provide reasonable suspicion of abuse, and follow-up drug testing is positive without a valid prescription, the authority must offer the resident the opportunity to participate in substance abuse treatment.

**ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 to the bill specifies that the Department of Administration has rulemaking authority to establish standards for determining a public housing resident's status as "able-bodied," "unemployed," and "underemployed."

**BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Vos on February 2, 2018. On February 6, 2018, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of the amendment, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

On February 15, 2018, the Assembly adopted the amendment on a voice vote, and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 62; Noes, 35.

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