



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2019 Assembly Bill 121

Assembly Amendment 1

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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 121

Assembly Bill 121 requires the Department of Administration (DOA) to make grants to federally designated Continuum of Care organizations to enable them to hire housing navigators.¹ The bill appropriates for the grant program \$300,000 in each of the next two fiscal years (2019-20 and 2020-21).

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 revises the method of providing funding for the grant program. The amendment reduces each appropriation in the bill to \$0. It then utilizes the procedure available under current law by which the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) may supplement an appropriation if it finds that funds are not available to accomplish the purpose of an authorized program and it finds that an emergency exists. Under the amendment, if DOA requests amounts from any supplemental funding set aside for the 2019-21 biennium, JCF may approve the additional funding for the program without finding that an emergency exists.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Dittrich on May 31, 2019. On June 6, 2019, the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes 6; Noes, 3; and passage of Assembly Bill 121, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 9; Noes, 0.

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¹ Among other functions, a housing navigator may: act as a liaison with landlords, rental property managers, and homeless assistance programs; recruit new landlords; identify affordable housing for program recipients; and mediate landlord-tenant issues.