



2019 SENATE BILL 435

September 23, 2019 - Introduced by Senators LEMAHIEU, LARSON, JACQUE and BERNIER, cosponsored by Representatives TITTL, BROSTOFF, BRANDTJEN, DITTRICH, JAGLER, KRUG, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, VANDERMEER and BOWEN. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 **AN ACT to create** 46.48 (33) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to mental health
2 clubhouses and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award grants to clubhouses. A “clubhouse,” as defined in the bill, is a nonresidential rehabilitation program that provides support and services to individuals who have a mental illness but does not directly provide treatment or medical care for mental illnesses. To receive a grant a clubhouse must only include members who have been diagnosed with a mental illness and are under treatment for the mental illness, raise an amount of money itself to receive a matching grant, provide activities and services to members on a voluntary basis, be accredited, have its own distinct physical space, and allow members to have the opportunity to participate in the administration and other operational functions of the clubhouse. The bill increases the supplemental appropriation to the Joint Committee on Finance for the purposes of providing grants to clubhouses and specifies that the committee may make a supplement using its passive review process.

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.** 46.48 (33) of the statutes is created to read:

2 46.48 **(33)** MENTAL HEALTH CLUBHOUSES. (a) In this subsection, “clubhouse”
3 means a nonresidential rehabilitation program that provides support and services
4 to individuals who have a mental illness but does not directly provide treatment or
5 medical care for mental illnesses.

6 (b) The department shall award grants to clubhouses in a total amount of no
7 more than \$500,000 per fiscal year and no more than \$50,000 per clubhouse per fiscal
8 year. The department may not award a grant to a clubhouse unless the clubhouse
9 meets all of the following criteria:

10 1. Every member who receives services at the clubhouse has been diagnosed
11 with a mental illness and is under treatment for the mental illness.

12 2. The clubhouse raises an amount of money to match the grant amount
13 requested. The department may not award a grant to a clubhouse that exceeds the
14 money raised by the clubhouse.

15 3. Membership in clubhouse activities and services is voluntary.

16 4. The clubhouse has its own distinct physical space separate from a mental
17 health center or institution.

18 5. Members of the clubhouse have the opportunity to participate in the
19 administration and other operational functions of the clubhouse.

20 6. The clubhouse is accredited by Clubhouse International or, as approved by
21 the department, a similar accreditation organization.

22 **SECTION 2. Nonstatutory provisions.**

23 (1) SUPPLEMENT FOR GRANTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CLUBHOUSES. The joint committee
24 on finance may make a supplement from the moneys under SECTION 3 of this act
25 under the process described under s. 20.928 (2m).

SENATE BILL 435**1 SECTION 3. Fiscal changes.**

2 (1) GRANTS TO MENTAL HEALTH CLUBHOUSES. (a) In the schedule under s. 20.005
3 (3) for the appropriation to the joint committee on finance under s. 20.865 (4) (a), the
4 dollar amount for fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$500,000 for grants to
5 clubhouses under s. 46.48 (33). Any amount of the increase specified under this
6 paragraph that has not been transferred by July 1, 2020, shall lapse to the general
7 fund.

8 (b) In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the joint
9 committee on finance under s. 20.865 (4) (a), the dollar amount for fiscal year
10 2020-21 is increased by \$500,000 for grants to clubhouses under s. 46.48 (33). Any
11 amount of the increase specified under this paragraph that has not been transferred
12 by July 1, 2021, shall lapse to the general fund.

13 (END)