



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2017 SENATE BILL 65

February 21, 2017 - Introduced by Senators CRAIG, FEYEN, NASS, STROEBEL and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives SANFELIPPO, ALLEN, DUCHOW, GANNON, HUTTON, KREMER, MURPHY, QUINN, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Technology and Consumer Protection.

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 16.84 (5); and *to create* 16.84 (5) (a) 2. of the  
2             statutes; **relating to:** leases of real property for executive agencies and a plan  
3             to relocate the Department of Children and Families headquarters.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires that the Department of Administration, when entering into or renewing a lease of real property for an executive branch agency, perform a cost-benefit analysis for that agency and the Joint Committee on Finance of any savings that would accrue to the state if the agency were relocated. In performing the cost-benefit analysis, this bill requires DOA to solicit at least three lease options. Two options must be in the two counties, other than Dane and Milwaukee, in which the executive branch agency provides the greatest number of services, and the third option may be in Dane or Milwaukee County.

This bill also requires the Department of Children and Families to develop a plan to move DCF headquarters from the city of Madison to Milwaukee County. The bill requires DCF to include in the plan the costs of relocating the headquarters, a timeline for implementing the relocation, and a list of options for Milwaukee County locations. The bill requires DCF to complete the plan in time for the plan to be included in DCF's 2019-21 biennial budget request.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 16.84 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 16.84 (5) (a) 1. and amended  
2 to read:

3           16.84 (5) (a) 1. Have responsibility, subject to approval of the governor, for all  
4 functions relating to the leasing, acquisition, allocation and utilization of all real  
5 property by the state, except where such responsibility is otherwise provided by the  
6 statutes. ~~In this connection, the department shall, with the governor's approval~~

7           (b) When exercising the responsibility under par. (a) 1., require, with the  
8 governor's approval, physical consolidation of office space utilized by any executive  
9 branch agency, as defined in s. 16.70 (4), having fewer than 50 authorized full-time  
10 equivalent positions with office space utilized by another executive branch agency,  
11 whenever feasible. ~~The department shall lease~~

12           (c) Lease or acquire office space for legislative offices or legislative service  
13 agencies at the direction of the joint committee on legislative organization. ~~In this~~  
14 ~~subsection, "executive branch agency" has the meaning given in s. 16.70 (4).~~

15           **SECTION 2.** 16.84 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

16           16.84 (5) (a) 2. Before entering into or renewing a lease for an executive branch  
17 agency, as defined in s. 16.70 (4), provide to the agency and the joint committee on  
18 finance a cost-benefit analysis that considers any savings that would accrue to the  
19 state if the executive branch agency were relocated. As part of the cost-benefit  
20 analysis, the department shall identify counties in which the executive branch  
21 agency provides the greatest number of services. The department shall solicit at

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1 least 3 lease options, 2 of which shall be in the 2 counties, excluding Dane and  
2 Milwaukee counties, in which the executive branch agency provides the greatest  
3 number of services, and one of which may be in Dane or Milwaukee County. The lease  
4 options shall, if possible, include proposals from qualified property owners.

5 **SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.**

6 (1) RELOCATION OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HEADQUARTERS. The  
7 department of children and families shall develop a plan to move the department's  
8 headquarters from the city of Madison to Milwaukee County. In the plan, the  
9 department of children and families shall provide in detail the costs of relocating the  
10 headquarters, a timeline for implementing the relocation, and a list of options for  
11 Milwaukee County locations. The department of children and families shall  
12 complete the plan in time for the plan to be included in the department of children  
13 and families' 2019-21 biennial budget request.

14 (END)