



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 639

October 26, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives BRANCEL, PROSSER, DUFF, LEHMAN, LINTON, WARD, ALBERS, OURADA, DOBYNS, ZUKOWSKI, GREEN, BRANDEMUEHL, MUSSER, GOETSCH, WALKER, BAUMGART, PORTER, HAHN, KAUFERT, SCHNEIDERS, OTT, SILBAUGH, PLOMBON, HANDRICK, ROBSON, GARD, URBAN, LADWIG, KLUSMAN, JENSEN, SERATTI, AINSWORTH, OLSEN, HUBER, F. LASEE, HARS DORF, FOTI, FREESE, COLEMAN, GROTHMAN, LA FAVE, NOTESTEIN, GRONEMUS, HANSON, KELSO, GUNDERSON, BELL, KREIBICH, NASS, R. POTTER, KUNICKI, JOHNSRUD, OWENS, VANDER LOOP, UNDERHEIM, VRAKAS, WIRCH, TURNER, REYNOLDS, ZIEGELBAUER and WILLIAMS, cosponsored by Senators WEEDEN, ELLIS, WELCH, CHVALA, COWLES, BRESKE, DRZEWIECKI, ANDREA, BUETTNER, HUELSMAN, FITZGERALD, PANZER, ROSENZWEIG, RISSER, CLAUSING, C. POTTER, PETAK and SCHULTZ. Referred to Joint committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to renumber and amend** 16.54 (2) (a); **to amend** 13.101 (10); and **to**
2 **create** 16.54 (2) (a) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** approval for expenditure of
3 certain federal block grant moneys by the joint committee on finance.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, unless otherwise provided, whenever this state receives moneys from the federal government, the governor is empowered to accept the moneys on behalf of the state, and to designate a state board, commission or department to administer the moneys in accordance with appropriations made by the legislature. However, if the state receives a block grant from the federal government (a multipurpose grant so designated by federal law), no moneys may be transferred from use as a part of one such grant to use as a part of another such grant without the approval of the joint committee on finance.

This bill provides that whenever a block grant is made to this state under any federal law enacted after August 31, 1995, which authorizes the distribution of block grants for the purposes for which the grant is made, the governor shall not administer and no board, commission or department may encumber or expend moneys received as a part of the grant unless the governor first notifies the cochairpersons of the joint committee on finance, in writing, that the grant has been made. The notice must contain a description of the purposes proposed by the governor for expenditure of the moneys received as a part of the grant. Under the bill, if the cochairpersons of the committee do not notify the governor that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed expenditure of grant moneys within 14 working days after the date of the governor's notification, the moneys may be expended as proposed by the governor. If, within 14

working days after the date of the governor's notification, the cochairpersons of the committee notify the governor that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of reviewing the proposed expenditure of grant moneys, no moneys received as a part of the grant may be expended without the approval of the committee.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 13.101 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 13.101 (10) The committee may approve expenditure of moneys received by
3 this state as a part of a block grant under s. 16.54 (2) (a) 2., and may approve a
4 transfer of moneys allocated by the federal government to this state as a part of a
5 block grant for use as a part of another such grant made for different purposes. In
6 this subsection, "block grant" has the meaning given under s. 16.54 (2) (a).

7 **SECTION 2.** 16.54 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 16.54 (2) (a) 1. and
8 amended to read:

9 16.54 (2) (a) 1. ~~Whenever~~ Except as provided in subd. 2., whenever funds shall
10 be made available to this state through an act of congress and the funds are accepted
11 as provided in sub. (1), the governor shall designate the state board, commission or
12 department to administer any of such funds, and the board, commission or
13 department so designated by the governor is authorized and directed to administer
14 such funds for the purpose designated by the act of congress making an
15 appropriation of such funds, or by the department of the United States government
16 making such funds available to this state. Whenever a block grant is made to this
17 state, no funds moneys received as a part of the block grant may be transferred from
18 use as a part of one such grant to use as a part of another such grant, regardless of
19 whether a transfer between appropriations is required, unless the joint committee
20 on finance approves the transfer ~~under s. 13.10.~~

