



2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 238

April 13, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives KATZMA, SCHRAA, BERNIER, R. BROOKS, DUCHOW, GANNON, HORLACHER, KNODL, KREMER, KRUG, KULP, MURPHY, NOVAK, SANFELIPPO, STEFFEN, THIESFELDT, WEATHERSTON and E. BROOKS, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, KAPENGA and NASS. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** work requirements for recipients of vouchers under the
2 federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to request approval from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement a pilot program that requires a recipient of a voucher under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program to satisfy work requirements as a condition of the voucher. The bill also provides that WHEDA may provide certain employment, training, and self-sufficiency services, in partnership with certain organizations that contract with WHEDA, to recipients of vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

For further information see the ***state and local*** 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:

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) PILOT PROGRAM CONCERNING WORK REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE HOUSING CHOICE
5 VOUCHER PROGRAM.

ASSEMBLY BILL 238**SECTION 1**

1 (a) *Request for approval.* The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development
2 Authority may request approval, if necessary, from the federal department of
3 housing and urban development for the purpose of implementing the pilot program
4 under paragraph (b).

5 (b) *Employment requirement pilot program.* The Wisconsin Housing and
6 Economic Development Authority may, to the extent approved under paragraph (a),
7 develop policies and procedures for and implement a pilot program that requires
8 certain able-bodied adults, as determined by the authority, who receive a voucher
9 under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program to satisfy certain employment,
10 training, and self-sufficiency requirements as specified in the policies and
11 procedures. The authority may coordinate with state agencies that provide similar
12 services to minimize duplication.

13 (2) SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES. The Wisconsin Housing and Economic
14 Development Authority may develop policies and procedures for and implement a
15 program to provide self-sufficiency services to recipients of vouchers under the
16 federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The authority may implement this
17 program in partnership with public housing agencies, state agencies, and other
18 governmental or nongovernmental organizations that contract with the authority to
19 administer the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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