

**1983 Assembly Bill 953**

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**1983 Wisconsin Act 522**

AN ACT *relating to* directing the department of health and social services to establish a warm room program in conjunction with the low-income energy assistance program and providing for a study.

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

**SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.** (1) **LOW-INCOME WARM ROOM PROGRAM.** (a) In this subsection:

1. “Dwelling” means the residence of a person who is eligible for assistance under 42 USC 8621 to 8629.

2. “Program materials” include a removable, insulated radiator blanket, a portable remote control thermostat and other cost-efficient materials or repairs necessary to achieve maximum heating efficiency in a dwelling.

3. “Program volunteer” means a person who is eligible for assistance under 42 USC 8621 to 8629, whose dwelling, in comparison to the dwellings of other persons eligible for assistance under 42 USC 8621 to 8629, has a high ratio of space to occupant, and who volunteers to take the training under paragraph (b), to cooperate with the department of health and social services in the installation and operation of program materials in his or her dwelling and to cooperate with the department in the study under subsection (2).

(b) The department of health and social services shall establish a warm room program to install program materials in the dwellings of program volunteers and to train the program volunteers and the members of each program volunteer's household in the operation of the program materials to achieve maximum health and heating efficiency.

(2) STUDY. The department of health and social services shall conduct a study of the impact of the warm room program established under subsection (1) on the heating efficiency of each dwelling participating in the program and on human health and safety. The department shall submit an interim report on the results of the study to the joint committee on finance no later than March 1, 1985, and a final report no later than August 1, 1985.

(3) PROGRAM FUNDING. Notwithstanding section 16.54 (2) (b) of the statutes, as created by Wisconsin Act 27, from the appropriation under section 20.435 (4) (md) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1983, the department of health and social services shall expend, from moneys received under 42 USC 8621 to 8629 and transferred to the weatherization program under the plan approved by the joint committee on finance under section 16.54 (2) (b), up to \$10,000 in the 1983-85 biennium for the warm room program established under subsection (1).

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