



State of Wisconsin  
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Stritchko, BB0158 - Remove annual social security administration funding transfer for independent living centers from DWD appropriation

**FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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Under current law, DWD assists individuals with disabilities in gaining employment through its vocational rehabilitation program. The funding for the vocational rehabilitation program is provided by a federal grant and matching state funds. Some of the individuals assisted through this program receive assistance from the federal government through certain social security benefits. An individual with a disability who gains employment with assistance from the vocational rehabilitation program no longer receives certain benefits from social security. The federal government reimburses some of the benefits it no longer has to pay to individuals to DWD for the vocational rehabilitation program. Also under current law, DHS provides grants for independent living centers to provide nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals. An independent living center, to receive a grant from DHS, must have a board of directors that is the principal governing body of the independent living center; substantially involve severely disabled individuals in policy direction and management of and employ severely disabled individuals in the independent living center; offer severely disabled individuals a combination of

independent living services that includes services that assist those individuals to increase personal self-determination and minimize unnecessary dependence on others; and comply with certain requirements under federal law. Current law requires that DWD transfer \$600,000 in social security reimbursement funds to DHS in order to provide these grants.

This bill eliminates the \$600,000 transfer from DWD to DHS for grants to independent living centers. Instead, DWD must allocate the \$600,000 of moneys received from the federal Social Security Administration for reimbursement of grants to independent living centers. The bill then requires DWD to make grants to independent living centers for providing nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals. To be eligible to receive a grant from DWD, an independent living center must comply with the same requirements as those imposed to receive grant moneys from DHS.

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

**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (7) (kc) of the statutes is repealed.

\*\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 20.435 (7) (ky) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (ky) *Interagency and intra-agency aids.* ~~Except as provided in par. (ke), all~~ All moneys received from other state agencies and all moneys received by the department from the department for aids to individuals and organizations relating to long-term care services, for the purposes for which received.

**SECTION 3.** 20.445 (5) (n) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (5) (n) *Federal program aids and operations.* All moneys received from the federal government, as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54, for the state administration of continuing programs and for grants to independent living centers under s. 47.02 (3m) (p) and all federal moneys received for the purchase of goods and services under ch. 47 and for the purchase of vocational rehabilitation programs for individuals and organizations, to be expended for the purposes specified. ~~The department shall, in each fiscal year, transfer to the appropriation account under s.~~

~~20.435 (7) (ke) \$600,000 of moneys received from the federal social security administration for reimbursement of grants to independent living centers.~~

**SECTION 4.** 46.96 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.96 (2) The department shall make grants from the appropriations under s. 20.435 (7) (c) ~~or (ke)~~ to independent living centers for nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals.

**SECTION 5.** 47.02 (3m) (p) of the statutes is created to read:

47.02 (3m) (p) 1. From the appropriation under s. 20.445 (5) (n), in each fiscal year, allocate \$600,000 of moneys received from the federal social security administration for reimbursement of grants to independent living centers. The department shall make grants to independent living centers for nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals as defined in s. 46.96 (1) (b).

2. To be eligible to receive a grant under subd. 1., an independent living center shall comply with the requirements under s. 46.96 (3m) (a) 1. to 3. and (am) 1. and 2.

(END)