



2013 SENATE BILL 541

February 3, 2014 – Introduced by Senators DARLING, HARSDORF, GUDEX and OLSEN, cosponsored by Representatives NYGREN, BALLWEG, CZAJA, ENDSLEY, KLEEFISCH, KNODL, KNUDSON, KOOYENGA, KRUG, T. LARSON, LEMAHIEU, LOUDENBECK, MARKLEIN, MURPHY, PETERSEN, PETRYK, RODRIGUEZ, SWEARINGEN, TRANEL, BILLINGS, GOYKE, KAHL, RICHARDS, RINGHAND and ZAMARRIPA. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.435 (5) (bc); and **to create** 51.422 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** opioid treatment programs and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create two or three regional comprehensive opioid treatment programs to provide treatment for opiate addiction in rural and underserved, high-need areas. In creating the program, DHS must obtain and review proposals for opioid treatment programs in accordance with its request-for-proposal procedures. These programs may not offer methadone treatment.

An opioid treatment program, under the bill, must offer an assessment to individuals in need of service to determine what type of treatment is needed. The opioid treatment program must provide counseling, medication-assisted treatment, and abstinence-based treatment. If a licensed residential program is necessary for an individual, the opioid treatment program must transition the individual there. The opioid treatment program must transition individuals who have completed treatment to county-based or private post-treatment care. The bill also requires DHS to submit annually, beginning approximately two years after the bill's effective date, a progress report on the outcomes of the opioid treatment program to the Joint Committee on Finance and appropriate standing committees of the legislature.

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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:

1 **SECTION 1.** 20.435 (5) (bc) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 20.435 (5) (bc) *Grants for community programs.* The amounts in the schedule
3 for grants for community programs under s. 46.48 and for opioid treatment programs
4 under s. 51.422. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department
5 may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph. Except for amounts
6 authorized to be carried forward under s. 46.48 and as otherwise provided in this
7 paragraph, all funds allocated but not encumbered by December 31 of each year lapse
8 to the general fund on the next January 1 unless carried forward to the next calendar
9 year by the joint committee on finance. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002
10 (1), the department shall transfer from this appropriation account to the
11 appropriation account for the department of children and families under s. 20.437
12 (2) (dz) funds allocated by the department under s. 46.48 (30) but unexpended on
13 June 30 of each year.

14 **SECTION 2.** 51.422 of the statutes is created to read:

15 **51.422 Opioid treatment programs.** (1) PROGRAM CREATION. The
16 department shall create 2 or 3 new, regional comprehensive opioid treatment
17 programs to provide treatment for opiate addiction in rural and underserved,
18 high-need areas. The department shall obtain and review proposals for opioid
19 treatment programs in accordance with its request-for-proposal procedures. A
20 program under this section may not offer methadone treatment.

