



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 459

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1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (5) (br) and 46.545 of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 individual placement and support program for employment of individuals
3 experiencing mental illness and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to create five regional centers for individual placement and support (IPS) for employment of individual experiencing mental illness. DHS must ensure that each of the state's counties is served by one of the regional centers. DHS is allowed to contract with existing organizations or consortiums to create a regional center. DHS and the regional centers must provide or arrange for work incentive benefits counseling for individuals who are not receiving vocational rehabilitation services from the Department of Workforce Development. DHS is required to award grants to employment sites that are implementing IPS services or regional centers for certain activities. The allocation for the moneys and grant awards for IPS programs for the 2013–2015 biennium is specified in the bill.

Under the bill, DHS must ensure that each regional center has access to the services of an IPS trainer or mentor and an IPS supervisor. A trainer or mentor has the responsibility to monitor infrastructure grants, coordinate training with DHS, train employers on IPS practices, conduct visits twice per month to supervisors of employees hired under IPS to assist with implementation of effective practices, and review IPS programs every six months until the programs achieve good fidelity to the evidence-based model. An IPS supervisor has responsibilities that include

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1 4. A region consisting of a consortium of counties in central Wisconsin.

2 5. A region consisting of Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Racine Counties.

3 (b) The department shall ensure that each county in the state is served by one
4 of the regional centers created under par. (a).

5 (c) The department may contract with existing organizations or consortiums
6 to create any regional center.

7 (2) The department shall ensure that each regional center created under sub.
8 (1) (a) has access to the services of all of the following:

9 (a) An individual placement and support trainer or mentor, who is responsible
10 for all of the following:

11 1. Monitoring infrastructure grants.

12 2. Coordinating training with the department.

13 3. Training employers on individual placement and support practices.

14 4. Conducting visits twice per month to supervisors of employees hired under
15 individual placement and support to assist with implementation of effective
16 practices.

17 5. Reviewing individual placement and support programs every 6 months until
18 the programs achieve good fidelity to the evidence-based model.

19 (b) An individual placement and support supervisor, whose responsibilities
20 include all of the following:

21 1. Developing training for employment specialists at work sites.

22 2. Creating a vocational unit of employment specialists that with the
23 supervisor comprise the individual placement and support team.

24 3. Providing supervision of program outcomes in accordance with the
25 evidence-based model.

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1 **(3)** The department shall award grants to employment sites that are
2 implementing individual placement and support services or regional centers for any
3 of the following activities:

4 (a) Implementing individual placement and support programs.

5 (b) Offsetting costs until a program is capable of billing the Medical Assistance
6 program.

7 (c) Becoming a provider of vocational rehabilitation services through the
8 department of workforce development.

9 **(4)** The department and regional centers shall provide or arrange for work
10 incentive benefits counseling for individuals who are not receiving vocational
11 rehabilitation services from the department of workforce development.

12 **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

13 **(1) INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT AND SUPPORT FUNDING.**

14 (a) In the 2013–2015 fiscal biennium, from the appropriation under section
15 20.435 (5) (br) of the statutes, as created by this act, the department of health
16 services shall award grants and provide moneys for individual placement and
17 support as described under section 46.545 of the statutes to be distributed in all of
18 the following allocations:

19 1. Three individual placement and support trainers or mentors at an amount
20 of \$75,000 for each trainer or mentor with \$50,000 of each \$75,000 being the base
21 salary.

22 2. Three individual placement and support supervisors at an amount of
23 \$75,000 for each supervisor with \$50,000 of each \$75,000 being the base salary.

24 3. Infrastructure pilot grants in the total amount of \$400,000 to be distributed
25 as described in paragraph (b).

