



2015 SENATE BILL 749

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1 **AN ACT relating to:** report on dementia crisis unit pilot program and placement
2 of individuals with dementia.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to prepare a report describing where individuals who have dementia are currently placed in crisis situations and proposing a pilot program for coalitions of two or more counties to create dementia crisis units.

For further information see the *state* 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) (a) In this subsection:

5 1. “Dementia crisis unit” means a unit or part of a unit of a public or private
6 facility that is qualified, competent, and equipped to provide diagnosis, evaluation,
7 and treatment of dementia and medical, psychiatric, and behavioral care to

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1 individuals who have dementia and that provides a therapeutic environment that is
2 appropriate for and designed to prevent harm to individuals who have dementia.

3 2. “Department” means the department of health services.

4 (b) Before November 1, 2016, the department shall prepare a report describing
5 where individuals who have dementia are currently placed in crisis situations and
6 proposing a pilot program for coalitions of 2 or more counties to create dementia crisis
7 units. The department shall submit the report under this paragraph to the
8 appropriate standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over health,
9 aging and long-term care, or mental health issues under section 13.172 (3) of the
10 statutes.

11 (END)