



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2015 Senate Bill 237	Senate Substitute Amendment 1
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2015 SENATE BILL 237

Senate Bill 237 requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to apply to the federal government for Title X family planning grant funds. If awarded the grant, the bill requires DHS to distribute funds to the Wisconsin Well-Woman Program and to public entities, including state, county, and local health departments and health clinics, and then to certain nonpublic entities as funding allows. The bill allows public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS to provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities provided that the recipient does not provide abortion services, make referrals for abortion services, or have an affiliate that provides abortion services or makes referrals for abortion services.

SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 clarifies that DHS must apply for Title X family planning grant funds beginning with the 2018 application deadline and before each subsequent application deadline thereafter.

The substitute amendment allows public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS to provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities that make referrals for abortion services or have an affiliate that makes referrals for abortions services. However, the substitute amendment leaves unchanged the bill's requirement that public entities that receive Title X family planning grant funds from DHS cannot provide some or all of the funds to other public or private entities that provide abortion services or have an affiliate that provides abortion services.

The substitute amendment includes a nonstatutory provision that requires DHS to use current staff and current appropriations to fund the department duties created by the bill during the 2015-17 Biennium. It also prohibits DHS from hiring additional staff who would be charged with carrying out the department duties created by the bill during the 2015-17 Biennium.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Kapenga offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2015 Senate Bill 237 on September 23, 2015. On October 13, 2015, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services recommended adoption of the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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