AN ACT to amend 25.774 (1) and 25.774 (1) of the statutes; relating to: funding for the rural physician residency assistance program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides a one-year increase of $250,000 in funding for the rural physician residency assistance program. Under this program of the University of Wisconsin System, the Department of Family Medicine in the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health establishes and supports physician residency positions in hospitals in rural areas or that include rural rotations in hospitals in rural areas. This program is funded from the critical access hospital assessment fund. Under the bill, the increased funding is provided for fiscal year 2016–17 from the general fund.

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:

SECTION 1. 25.774 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

25.774 (1) There is established a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated as the critical access hospital assessment fund, to consist of all moneys received
under s. 50.38 (2) (b) from assessments on critical access hospitals and, all moneys recouped and deposited under s. 50.38 (6m) (a) 3., and all moneys transferred under 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 4 (1).

SECTION 2. 25.774 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), is amended to read:

25.774 (1) There is established a separate nonlapsible trust fund designated as the critical access hospital assessment fund, to consist of all moneys received under s. 50.38 (2) (b) from assessments on critical access hospitals, and all moneys recouped and deposited under s. 50.38 (6m) (a) 3., and all moneys transferred under 2015 Wisconsin Act .... (this act), section 4 (1).


(1) Notwithstanding section 16.42 (1) (e) of the statutes, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, in submitting information under section 16.42 of the statutes for purposes of the 2017–19 biennial budget bill, shall submit information concerning the appropriation under section 20.285 (1) (qe) of the statutes as though the increase in the dollar amount of that appropriation under SECTION 4 (2) of this act had not been made.

SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.

(1) TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT FUND.

There is transferred from the general fund to the critical access hospital assessment fund $250,000 in fiscal year 2016–17.

(2) FUNDING FOR THE RURAL PHYSICIAN RESIDENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under section 20.285 (1) (qe) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2015, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2016–17
is increased by $250,000 to provide funding for the rural physician residency
assistance program.

**SECTION 5. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,
except as follows:

(1) The treatment of section 25.774 (1) (by Section 2) of the statutes takes effect
on July 1, 2017.