



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2017 Wisconsin Act 74
[2017 Assembly Bill 234]

**Interagency Council on
Homelessness**

2017 Wisconsin Act 74 creates an Interagency Council on Homelessness.

The Act requires the Council to meet quarterly to establish and periodically review a statewide policy to prevent and end homelessness. In addition to the quarterly meetings, the Council is required to designate individuals from each of the member agencies and organizations to meet twice quarterly to coordinate implementation of the policy.

The Council consists of 13 members, which include: the Governor or designee to act as chair; the heads or designees from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority and the Departments of Administration (DOA), Children and Families, Corrections, Health Services, Public Instruction, Veterans Affairs, and Workforce Development; and a representative from each of the federally-recognized continuum of care organizations for Dane, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties, and for the balance of the state. Each state agency that is represented on the Council is required to cooperate in implementing the Council's policy.

The Council must appoint a full-time director to coordinate activities and has an operational budget of \$95,000, for each fiscal year of the 2017-19 biennial budget, from which it may hire the director. For administrative purposes, the Council is attached to DOA.

The Council is required to submit a report on its activities to the Governor and the Legislature on an annual date to be determined by the Council.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.