



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0150 - Transfer independent living funding from  
DWD to DHS

**FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**OTHER HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Under current law, DWD assists individuals with disabilities in gaining employment through its vocational rehabilitation (VR) program, which is funded through a combination of state and federal matching dollars. In addition, DWD receives certain moneys from the federal government as reimbursement for the fact that individuals who gain employment with assistance from the VR program no longer receive certain benefits from social security. DWD must allocate \$600,000 of those reimbursement dollars and, using the moneys so allocated, make grants to independent living centers for providing nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals. Also under current law, DHS must make general purpose revenue (GPR)-funded grants to independent living centers for providing nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals. An independent living center, in order to receive a grant from either DWD or DHS, must comply with certain requirements under state and federal law.

Also, under federal law, states may receive financial assistance for purposes including providing, expanding, and improving independent living services.

This bill, instead of requiring that DWD allocate \$600,000 in social security reimbursement funds to provide these grants, requires DWD to transfer \$600,000 of

those moneys to DHS and allows DHS to provide grants using those moneys, as well as the federal independent living center financial assistance moneys. Consequently, the bill requires that DHS make grants to independent living centers using a combination of GPR moneys, moneys transferred from DWD, and moneys received from the federal government for independent living services.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 20.435 (7) (kc) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (7) (kc) *Independent living center grants.* The amounts in the schedule for the purpose of making grants to independent living centers for the severely disabled under s. 46.96. All moneys transferred from s. 20.445 (5) (n) shall be credited to this appropriation account.

\*\*\*NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

**SECTION 2.** 20.435 (7) (ky) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.435 (7) (ky) *Interagency and intra-agency aids.* ~~All~~ Except as provided in par. (kc), all moneys received from other state agencies and all moneys received by the department from the department for aids to individuals and organizations relating to long-term care services, for the purposes for which received.

**SECTION 3.** 20.445 (5) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (5) (a) *General program operations; purchased services for clients.* As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for general program operations, including field services to clients and administrative services, for the purchase of goods and services authorized under ch. 47, and for vocational rehabilitation and other independent living services to for persons with disabilities.

**SECTION 4.** 20.445 (5) (n) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.445 (5) (n) *Federal program aids and operations.* All moneys received from the federal government, as authorized by the governor under s. 16.54, for the state administration of continuing programs ~~and for grants to independent living centers under s. 47.02 (3m) (p)~~ and all federal moneys received for the purchase of goods and services under ch. 47 and for the purchase of vocational rehabilitation programs for individuals and organizations, to be expended for the purposes specified. The department shall, in each fiscal year, transfer \$600,000 of the moneys from the account under this paragraph to the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (7) (kc).

**SECTION 5.** 46.96 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.96 (2) The department shall make grants from the appropriations under s. 20.435 (7) (c), (kc), and (na) to independent living centers for nonresidential services to severely disabled individuals.

**SECTION 6.** 47.02 (3m) (p) of the statutes is repealed.

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