



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....LeRoy, BB00016 - Rename transitional housing program.

**FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**HOUSING**

This bill eliminates the requirement that a recipient of a transitional housing grant may not permit homeless persons to reside in housing facilities provided by the grant recipient for more than 24 months. DOA provides transitional housing grants to counties, community action agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families. In addition to eliminating the 24-month housing occupancy restriction, the bill renames “transitional housing grants” as “housing grants.”

For further information see the *state and local* 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.** 16.306 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**16.306** (title) ~~Transitional housing~~ Housing grants.

**SECTION 2.** 16.306 (1) (intro.) and (a) (intro.) of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 16.306 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:

16.306 (1) ~~DEFINITIONS~~ DEFINITION. (intro.) In this section: ~~(a) (intro.)~~ “Eligible, “eligible applicant” means any of the following:

**SECTION 3.** 16.306 (1) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4. and 5. of the statutes are renumbered 16.306 (1) (am), (bm), (c), (d) and (e).

**SECTION 4.** 16.306 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 5.** 16.306 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (2) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (fm), the department may award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose of providing transitional housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families to facilitate their movement to independent living if the conditions under par. (b) are satisfied. The department shall ensure that the funds for the grants are reasonably balanced among geographic areas of the state, consistent with the quality of applications submitted.

**SECTION 6.** 16.306 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (2) (b) (intro.) A recipient of a grant under par. (a) shall agree to use the grant to support a ~~transitional~~ housing program that does all of the following:

**SECTION 7.** 16.306 (2) (b) 6. of the statutes is repealed.

**SECTION 8.** 16.306 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (3) (b) The length of stay in ~~transitional~~ housing of each person served.

**SECTION 9.** 16.306 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (3) (c) The housing and employment status of each person served, at the time that the person leaves the ~~transitional~~ housing program.

**SECTION 10.** 16.306 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.306 (3) (d) Any other information that the department determines to be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the ~~transitional~~ housing program operated by the recipient.

**SECTION 11.** 20.505 (7) (fm) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.505 (7) (fm) *Shelter for homeless and ~~transitional~~ housing grants.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for ~~transitional~~ housing grants under s. 16.306 and for grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and families as provided under s. 16.308. Notwithstanding ss. 20.001 (3) (a) and 20.002 (1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph.

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

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