



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....LeRoy, BB0263 - WHEDA waiver request from HUD to pilot work requirements for Housing Voucher Program

FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This bill authorizes WHEDA to request approval from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement a pilot program that requires a recipient of a voucher under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program to satisfy work requirements as a condition of the voucher. The bill also provides that WHEDA may provide certain employment, training, and self-sufficiency services, in partnership with certain organizations that contract with WHEDA, to recipients of vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

For further information see the *state and local* 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 9123. Nonstatutory provisions; Housing and Economic Development Authority.

(1) PILOT PROGRAM CONCERNING WORK REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM.

(a) *Request for approval.* The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority may request approval, if necessary, from the federal department of housing and urban development for the purpose of implementing the pilot program under paragraph (b).

(b) *Employment requirement pilot program.* The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority may, to the extent approved under paragraph (a), develop policies and procedures for and implement a pilot program that requires certain able-bodied adults, as determined by the authority, who receive a voucher under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program to satisfy certain employment, training, and self-sufficiency requirements as specified in the policies and procedures. The authority may coordinate with state agencies that provide similar services to minimize duplication.

(2) SELF-SUFFICIENCY SERVICES. The Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority may develop policies and procedures for and implement a program to provide self-sufficiency services to recipients of vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The authority may implement this program in partnership with public housing agencies, state agencies, and other governmental or nongovernmental organizations that contract with the authority to administer the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

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