



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0530 - Focus on energy low income customer track

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

STATE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION

*Focus on Energy initiatives for low-income households*

The bill requires statewide energy efficiency and renewable resources programs, known as Focus on Energy, to include programs that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for low-income households and that address the energy needs and decrease the energy burden of low-income households. Current law requires investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to fund Focus on Energy and related programs.

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

**SECTION 1.** 196.374 (1) (gm) of the statutes is created to read:

196.374 (1) (gm) "Low-income household" has the meaning given in s. 16.957

(1) (m).

**SECTION 2.** 196.374 (2) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

196.374 (2) (a) 1. The energy utilities in this state shall collectively establish and fund statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource programs, including programs for low-income households. The energy utilities shall contract, on the basis of competitive bids, with one or more persons to develop and administer the programs. The utilities may not execute a contract under this subdivision unless the commission has approved the contract. The commission shall require each energy utility to spend the amount required under sub. (3) (b) 2. to fund statewide energy efficiency and renewable resource programs.

**SECTION 3.** 196.374 (2) (a) 2. f. of the statutes is created to read:

196.374 (2) (a) 2. f. Components to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for low-income households in this state and initiatives and market strategies to address the energy needs and decrease the energy burden of low-income households.

**SECTION 4.** 196.374 (3) (b) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

196.374 (3) (b) 1. At least every 4 years, after notice and opportunity to be heard, the commission shall, by order, evaluate the energy efficiency and renewable resource programs under sub. (2) (a) 1., (b) 1. and 2., and (c) and ordered programs and set or revise goals, priorities, and measurable targets for the programs. The commission shall give priority to programs that moderate the growth in electric and natural gas demand and usage, facilitate markets and assist market providers to achieve higher levels of energy efficiency, promote energy reliability and adequacy, promote energy efficiency and renewable energy measures for low-income households, avoid adverse environmental impacts from the use of energy, and promote rural economic development.

**SECTION 5.** 196.374 (3) (f) 5. of the statutes is created to read:

196.374 (3) (f) 5. Minimum requirements for energy efficiency and renewable resource programs under sub. (2) (a) 1. for low-income households and eligibility requirements for programs for low-income households.

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