



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 840

March 4, 2014 - Introduced by Representatives C. TAYLOR, SARGENT, BERCEAU, GOYKE, HESSELBEIN, MASON, OHNSTAD, POPE, RINGHAND, SHANKLAND, WACHS, WRIGHT and YOUNG, cosponsored by Senators RISSER and LASSA. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 20.437 (1) (bf) and 49.168 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for homeless youths, granting rule-making authority, and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to create a program to provide grants for housing for homeless youths and for programs that assist homeless youths in finding stable housing. Under the bill, homeless youths are defined as minors who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The definition of homeless youths includes minors who share other people's housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; live in emergency or transitional shelters; live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus stations, or similar settings; are abandoned in a hospital; or are awaiting foster care placement.

For further information see the *state* 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:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
5 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

ASSEMBLY BILL 840**SECTION 1****2013-14 2014-15**

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20.437 Children and families, department of

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(1) CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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(bf) Grants for homeless youths GPR A \$500,000 \$500,000

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SECTION 2. 20.437 (1) (bf) of the statutes is created to read:

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20.437 (1) (bf) *Grants for homeless youths.* The amounts in the schedule for grants for homeless youths under s. 49.168.

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SECTION 3. 49.168 of the statutes is created to read:

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49.168 Grants for homeless youths. (1) In this section, "homeless youths" means minors who are homeless children and youths, as defined in 42 USC 11434a.

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(2) The department shall develop and implement a program under which the department awards grants from the appropriation under s. 20.437 (1) (bf) for housing for homeless youths and for programming that assists homeless youths in finding stable housing.

(3) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this section.

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