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2017 SENATE BILL 314

June 23, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Johnson, Risser and Vinehout, cosponsored by Representatives Subeck, Billings, Anderson, Berceau, Bowen, Brostoff, Crowley, Hebl, Hesselbein, Kolste, Mason, Ohnstad, Sargent, Sinicki, Spreitzer, C. Taylor, Vruwink, Young and Zamarripa. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Housing and Trade.

AN ACT to create 234.45 and 234.46 of the statutes; relating to: case management services for recipients of federal housing choice vouchers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to develop policies and procedures for and implement a program that gives priority to chronically homeless individuals and families on the waiting list that WHEDA, a public housing agency that contracts with WHEDA, or a local housing authority maintains under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The bill also requires WHEDA to provide funding for case management services for recipients of vouchers.

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

Section 1. 234.45 of the statutes is created to read:

234.45 Prioritizing chronically homeless individuals and families. The authority shall develop policies and procedures for and implement a program that gives priority to chronically homeless individuals and families on the waiting list that the authority, a public housing agency that contracts with the authority, or a

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housing authority under s. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or 66.1213 maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Section 2. 234.46 of the statutes is created to read:

- **234.46** Case management services. (1) The authority shall provide funding for the authority, a public housing agency that contracts with the authority, or a housing authority under s. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or 66.1213 to provide case management services, including assistance funding and maintaining housing, for each recipient of a voucher provided under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- (2) (a) The authority shall issue its negotiable bonds in such principal amount and length of maturity as to provide sufficient funds, not to exceed \$500,000 annually, to fund the provision of case management services under this section.
 - (b) Funding under this section shall be distributed as follows:
- 1. Annually, \$75,000 to the authority and public housing agencies that contract with the authority to distribute vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.
- 2. Annually, \$425,000 to housing authorities under ss. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, and 66.1213 that distribute vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The authority shall provide funding under this subdivision to the housing authorities in proportion to the number of vouchers distributed by each housing authority.

22 (END)