

1        **AN ACT** *to amend* 165.95 (3) (f); and *to create* 165.95 (11) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
 2                requiring applicants for treatment alternatives and diversion grants, and the  
 3                departments of justice, corrections, and health services to conduct resource analyses.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Study Committee on Problem–Solving Courts, Alternatives, and Diversions.

Testimony before the committee indicated that some treatment courts, particularly in rural counties, face unique challenges due to a lack of treatment providers, transportation barriers, and unavailability of specialized treatment court personnel, such as treatment court coordinators. In addition, many counties face a deficit of affordable housing and sober living facilities for treatment court participants.

This draft requires an applicant for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion grant program (TAD) to include, in its grant application, an analysis of the resources available to participants, including treatment providers, transportation, and housing, including sober living facilities. A grant applicant must describe how it will facilitate access to these resources if they are not in geographic proximity to the participants.

The draft also requires the Department of Justice to collaborate with the Departments of Corrections and Health Services to conduct an analysis of the availability of resources, such as treatment providers, transportation, and housing, including sober living facilities, which must be present for additional counties that do not currently have TAD programs to successfully establish TAD programs.

4                **SECTION 1.** 165.95 (3) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

5                165.95 (3) (f) The program provides holistic treatment to its participants and provides  
 6                them services that may be needed, as determined under the program, to eliminate or reduce  
 7                their use of alcohol or other drugs, improve their mental health, facilitate their gainful  
 8                employment or enhanced education or training, provide them stable housing, facilitate family

1 reunification, ensure payment of child support, and increase the payment of other  
2 court-ordered obligations. A grant applicant shall, in its grant application, analyze the  
3 resources available to participants, including treatment providers, transportation, and  
4 housing, including sober living facilities. A grant applicant shall describe how it will facilitate  
5 access to these resources if they are not in geographic proximity to the participants.

6 **SECTION 2.** 165.95 (11) of the statutes is created to read:

7 165.95 (11) The department of justice shall collaborate with the departments of  
8 corrections and health services to conduct an analysis of the availability of resources, such as  
9 treatment providers, transportation, and housing, including sober living facilities, that must  
10 be present for additional counties to successfully establish programs under this section that  
11 provide alternatives to prosecution and incarceration for criminal offenders.

12 (END)