

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2017 Assembly Bill 237

Assembly Amendments 1 and 2

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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 237

2017 Assembly Bill 237 allows the Department of Administration (DOA) to award a grant up to \$75,000 per year to a city, village, or town that also contributes at least \$50,000, for a program to connect homeless individuals with permanent employment. DOA must give preference in the grant applications to programs that partner with a nonprofit that will provide additional employment and support services to individual participants. The bill appropriates \$75,000, for each year of the 2017-19 biennium, for the grant program.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 adds counties to the types of local governmental units that may apply for the grant.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 specifies that DOA must give preference in the grant applications to programs that place a priority on using the grant towards individual participants' wages.

BILL HISTORY

On April 19, 2017, Representative Rodriguez offered Assembly Amendment 1, and Representatives Rodriguez and Riemer offered Assembly Amendment 2.

On April 20, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Public Benefit Reform recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1; and recommended

adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 1.

On April 24, 2017, the Joint Committee on Finance recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0; and recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0.

On May 2, 2017, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendments 1 and 2 on voice votes, and passed Assembly Bill 237, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 88; Noes, 10.

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