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Transfer of State Relocation Unit (Commerce and Safety and Professional Services and Administration)

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CURRENT LAW

The Department of Commerce administers the state Relocation Unit. Under Wisconsin relocation law, public agencies and local governments that undertake a publicly-funded activity that displaces individuals from their homes, farms or businesses are required to file a relocation plan with the state Relocation Unit. A relocation plan must explain the actions taken by the agency or governmental unit to: (a) assist displaced owners and tenants in finding suitable replacement dwellings, farms, or business locations; (b) inform displaced persons on available state, federal, and local assistance programs; (c) determine the costs of relocation payments and services; (d) and ensure that persons are not required to vacate dwellings until they have a reasonable chance to find replacement dwellings. The Relocation Unit assists local governments and agencies in developing equitable relocation plans, payments and services, as well as assisting in resolving disagreements. The Unit also provides information materials on state relocation and eminent domain laws, and develops sample formats for plans and waivers. The relocation unit is staffed by 1.0 FTE GPR position with related annual funding of \$101,200 GPR, under the Department's economic and community development, general program operations appropriation [s.20.143 (1) (a)].

GOVERNOR

Transfer responsibility for administering the state Relocation Unit from Commerce to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). Delete 1.0 GPR position and annual funding of \$101,200 GPR from the Department of Commerce. Provide annual funding of \$101,200 GPR to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

MODIFICATION

Transfer the state Relocation Unit, including staff and related funding to the Department of Administration (DOA) as follows: (a) transfer administration of the Relocation Unit to DOA; (b) provide 1.0 GPR position to DOA; and (c) transfer annual funding of \$101,200 GPR from WEDC to DOA.

Explanation: The administration indicates the transfer of the Relocation Unit to DSPS was an error. The administrative position should not have been deleted, and the related funding should not have been provided to WEDC. This modification would transfer the Relocation Unit, 1.0 GPR administrative position and annual funding of \$101,200 GPR to DOA.

	WEDC		DOA		Net	
	Change to Bill		Change to Bill		Change to Bill	
	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions	Funding	Positions
GPR	-\$202,400	0.00	\$202,400	1.00	\$0	1.00

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