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1987 Senate Bill 353

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AN ACT to create 20.435 (4) (cg), 46.977 and 51.421 (3) (d) of the statutes, relating to training for community support program staff, a guardianship grant program and making an appropriation.

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

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

20.435 Health and social services,
department of

(4) Community services
(cg) Guardianship grant
program GPR A -0- 250,000

SECTION 2. 20.435 (4) (cg) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (4) (cg) Guardianship grant program. The amounts in the schedule for guardianship grants under s. 46.977.

SECTION 3. 46.977 of the statutes is created to read:

- **46.977 Guardianship grants.** (1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:
- (a) "Guardian" has the meaning provided in s. 880.01 (3).
- (b) "Organization" means a private, nonprofit agency or a county department under s. 46.215, 46.22, 46.23, 51.42 or 51.437.
- (2) Grant applications and awards. (a) Annually, prior to April 30, an organization may apply to the department for a grant under this section for the purpose of recruiting, training, monitoring and assisting guardians for persons determined to be incompetent under ch. 880. By June 30, the department shall determine which organizations will receive a grant during the following fiscal year based on the criteria under par. (c). The department shall make grants under this section from the appropriation under s. 20.435 (4) (cg).

- (b) Organizations awarded grants under this section shall do all of the following:
- 1. Recruit individuals or organizations to act as guardians for persons determined to be incompetent under ch. 880.
- 2. Provide training for recruited guardians on their duties.
- 3. Monitor the performance of recruited guardians to ensure their compliance with their duties.
- 4. Provide assistance to recruited guardians in performing their duties.
- (c) In reviewing applications for grants, the department shall consider all of the following:
- 1. The need for the recruitment, training, monitoring and assistance of guardians for persons in the community in which the applicant organization provides services.
- 2. The extent to which the proposed program will effectively recruit, train, monitor and assist guardians for persons determined to be incompetent under ch. 880.

SECTION 4. 51.421 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

51.421 (3) (d) Develop and conduct training programs for community support program staff.