

State of Misconsin 2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 823

February 19, 2008 – Introduced by Representatives MASON, GRIGSBY, SMITH, SCHNEIDER, POCAN and BOYLE. Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 560.9808 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes; **relating to:** grants for 2 providing shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the 3 state capitol building and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Commerce awards grants to agencies and shelter facilities that provide temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families. Grant proceeds may be used to supplement the operating budgets of agencies and shelter facilities that have, or anticipate, a need for additional funding because of the renovation or expansion of an existing shelter facility, the development of an existing building into a shelter facility, the expansion of shelter services for homeless persons, or an inability to obtain adequate funding for an existing level of services. Current law requires the department to allocate in each year at least \$400,000 to eligible applicants located in Milwaukee County; at least \$66,500 to eligible applicants located in Dane County; and at least \$100,000 to eligible applicants not in Milwaukee County or Dane County. Grants are funded by general purpose revenue (GPR) and by the proceeds of landlord sales of tenants' abandoned personal property. Currently, \$1,506,000 in GPR is appropriated in each of fiscal years 2007–08 and 2008–09 for grants under both this program and a separate program that funds transitional housing.

This bill increases the GPR appropriation in both fiscal years by \$50,000. Under the bill, the department must allocate \$116,500 in each year to eligible recipients in Dane County. Of that amount, the bill requires the department to

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allocate not less than \$50,000 in each year to eligible applicants that provide temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the state capitol.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1	SECTION 1. 560.9808 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
2	560.9808 (2) (b) 2. At least \$66,500 <u>\$116,500</u> in each year to eligible applicants
3	located in Dane County. <u>Of this amount, the department shall allocate not less than</u>
4	\$50,000 in each year to eligible applicants that provide temporary shelter for
5	homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the state capitol building.
6	SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.
7	(1) Funding for the homeless. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
8	statutes for the appropriation to the department of commerce under section 20.143
9	(2) (h) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2007, the dollar amount is increased
10	by \$50,000 for fiscal year 2007–08 and the dollar amount is decreased by \$50,000 for
11	fiscal year 2008–09 to fund grants to agencies and shelter facilities that provide
12	temporary shelter for homeless individuals and families in the vicinity of the state
13	capitol building.

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