



State of Wisconsin
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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 710

January 13, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives TITTL, BALLWEG, BILLINGS, BROSTOFF, KOLSTE, KRUG, MURPHY, PETRYK, QUINN, SUBECK, VANDERMEER and HORLACHER, cosponsored by Senator LASSA. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT to create** 51.02 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** stipends for the Wisconsin
2 Council on Mental Health.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to pay a stipend to public members of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health who meet certain financial and other criteria if moneys other than general purpose revenue are available. The bill allows DHS to pay a stipend to individuals who serve as appointed members of a committee of the council and who meet certain financial and other criteria if all eligible public members have received a stipend. DHS, in consultation with the council, must determine stipend amounts, minimum financial need criteria, and any other eligibility criteria. Currently, the council is in DHS and is comprised of not less than 21 nor more than 25 members. The council is required to, among other duties, advise DHS, the legislature, and the governor on use of state and federal resources and on provision and administration of programs for persons who have a mental illness; review all DHS plans for services affecting persons with mental illness; and serve as an advocate for persons with mental illness. Under current law, generally, council members may not be compensated for their services but must be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties related to the council.

