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2017 SENATE BILL 205

April 20, 2017 - Introduced by Senators Darling and Olsen, cosponsored by Representatives Snyder, Pronschinske, Rodriguez, Steineke, Ballweg, Bernier, E. Brooks, Edming, Gannon, Horlacher, Jagler, Katsma, Kitchens, Krug, Kulp, Loudenbeck, Mursau, Novak, Petryk, Ripp, Rohrkaste, Sanfelippo, Spiros, Thiesfeldt, Tittl, Tusler and VanderMeer. Referred to Committee on Workforce Development, Military Affairs and Senior Issues.

AN ACT to repeal 16.303 (2) (c), 16.306 (1) (b) and 16.306 (2) (b) 6.; to renumber

16.306 (1) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4. and 5.; to consolidate, renumber and amend 16.306

(1) (intro.) and (a) (intro.); and to amend 16.306 (title), 16.306 (2) (a), 16.306

(2) (b) (intro.), 16.306 (3) (b), 16.306 (3) (c), 16.306 (3) (d) and 20.505 (7) (fm) of the statutes; relating to: housing grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill eliminates the requirement that a recipient of a transitional housing grant may not permit homeless persons to reside in housing facilities provided by the grant recipient for more than 24 months. The Department of Administration provides transitional housing grants to counties, community action agencies, and private organizations for the purpose of providing housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families. In addition to eliminating the 24-month housing occupancy restriction, the bill renames "transitional housing grants" as "housing grants."

The bill also eliminates the requirement that DOA reasonably balance among geographic areas of this state certain grants and loans DOA makes to defray the housing costs of persons and families of low and moderate income.

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For further information see the *state and local* 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1	SECTION 1. 16.303 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.
2	Section 2. 16.306 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
3	16.306 (title) Transitional housing Housing grants.
4	Section 3. 16.306 (1) (intro.) and (a) (intro.) of the statutes are consolidated,
5	renumbered 16.306 (1) (intro.) and amended to read:
6	16.306(1) Definitions Definition. (intro.) In this section: (a) (intro.) "Eligible,
7	"eligible applicant" means any of the following:
8	Section 4. 16.306 (1) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4. and 5. of the statutes are renumbered
9	16.306 (1) (am), (bm), (c), (d) and (e).
10	Section 5. 16.306 (1) (b) of the statutes is repealed.
11	Section 6. 16.306 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	16.306 (2) (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.505 (7) (fm), the department
13	may award a grant to an eligible applicant for the purpose of providing transitional
14	housing and associated supportive services to homeless individuals and families \underline{to}
15	facilitate their movement to independent living if the conditions under par. (b) are
16	satisfied. The department shall ensure that the funds for the grants are reasonably
17	balanced among geographic areas of the state, consistent with the quality of
18	applications submitted.
19	SECTION 7. 16.306 (2) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:
20	16.306 (2) (b) (intro.) A recipient of a grant under par. (a) shall agree to use the

grant to support a transitional housing program that does all of the following:

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1	SECTION 8. 16.306 (2) (b) 6. of the statutes is repealed.
2	Section 9. 16.306 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
3	16.306 (3) (b) The length of stay in transitional housing of each person served.
4	Section 10. 16.306 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
5	16.306 (3) (c) The housing and employment status of each person served, at the
6	time that the person leaves the transitional housing program.
7	Section 11. 16.306 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	16.306 (3) (d) Any other information that the department determines to be
9	necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the transitional housing program operated
10	by the recipient.
11	Section 12. 20.505 (7) (fm) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	20.505 (7) (fm) Shelter for homeless and transitional housing grants.
13	Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for transitional housing grants under s.
14	16.306 and for grants to agencies and shelter facilities for homeless individuals and
15	families as provided under s. 16.308. Notwithstanding ss. $20.001(3)(a)$ and $20.002(a)$
16	(1), the department may transfer funds between fiscal years under this paragraph.
L7	(END)