



## 2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 235

April 13, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives SNYDER, PRONSCHINSKE, RODRIGUEZ, STEINEKE, BALLWEG, BERNIER, EDMING, GANNON, HORLACHER, JAGLER, KATZMA, KITCHENS, KRUG, KULP, LOUDENBECK, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, RIPP, ROHRKASTE, SANFELIPPO, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, TITTL, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, E. BROOKS, R. BROOKS and FELZKOWSKI, cosponsored by Senators DARLING and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Public Benefit Reform.

1     **AN ACT to repeal** 16.303 (2) (c), 16.306 (1) (b) and 16.306 (2) (b) 6.; **to renumber**  
2             16.306 (1) (a) 1., 2., 3., 4. and 5.; **to consolidate, renumber and amend** 16.306  
3             (1) (intro.) and (a) (intro.); and **to amend** 16.306 (title), 16.306 (2) (a), 16.306  
4             (2) (b) (intro.), 16.306 (3) (b), 16.306 (3) (c), 16.306 (3) (d) and 20.505 (7) (fm) of  
5             the statutes; **relating to:** housing grants.

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### *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.

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*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1           **SECTION 1.** 16.303 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed.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 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  
21 grant to support a transitional housing program that does all of the following:

