



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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## BILL

1     **AN ACT relating to:** grants to establish and expand graduate training in an  
2             addiction specialty and making an appropriation.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Generally, this bill expands graduate medical training in an addiction specialty. The bill allows the Department of Health Services to award grants to hospitals under an existing graduate medical training grant program to increase the number of physicians trained in an addiction specialty. To receive a grant, a hospital must expand fellowship positions in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry for physicians practicing in specialties for which a hospital may currently receive a grant. Those specialties are family medicine, general internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, or psychiatry. Currently, DHS awards grants to hospitals to add positions to their existing accredited graduate medical training program.

The bill also allows DHS to award a grant to a hospital for the development of an addiction specialist training program under an existing grant program designed to promote establishment of graduate medical training programs in rural hospitals. To receive a grant under the bill, the hospital must create a fellowship program in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry for physicians in family medicine, general internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, or psychiatry, which are the specialties for which a rural hospital may currently receive a grant for establishing a graduate medical training program.

For further information see the *state* 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. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) EXPANDING GRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING IN AN ADDICTION SPECIALTY. From the  
3           appropriation under section 20.435 (4) (b) of the statutes and notwithstanding the  
4           funding limitations in section 146.64 (2) (c) 1. of the statutes, the department of  
5           health services may award grants to hospitals under section 146.64 of the statutes  
6           to increase the number of physicians trained in an addiction specialty. To receive a  
7           grant under this subsection, the hospital shall expand fellowship positions in  
8           addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry for physicians practicing family  
9           medicine, general internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, or psychiatry.

10          (2) ESTABLISHING ADDICTION SPECIALIST TRAINING PROGRAM. Notwithstanding any  
11          limitations in section 146.63 of the statutes that are inconsistent with this  
12          subsection, the department of health services may award a grant to a hospital under  
13          section 146.63 of the statutes to develop an addiction specialist training program.  
14          To receive a grant under this subsection, the hospital shall create a fellowship  
15          program in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry for physicians practicing  
16          family medicine, general internal medicine, general surgery, pediatrics, or  
17          psychiatry.

18           **SECTION 2. Fiscal changes.**

19          (1) GRADUATE MEDICAL TRAINING; ADDICTION SPECIALTIES. In the schedule under  
20          section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the department of health  
21          services under section 20.435 (4) (b) of the statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year

1       2017-18 is increased by \$63,000 to support fellowships in addiction medicine or  
2       addiction psychiatry in graduate medical training programs as described in SECTION  
3       1 (1) of this act. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the  
4       appropriation to the department of health services under section 20.435 (4) (b) of the  
5       statutes, the dollar amount for fiscal year 2018-19 is increased by \$63,000 to support  
6       fellowships in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry in graduate medical  
7       training programs as described in SECTION 1 (1) of this act.

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(END)