



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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2017 BILL

1 **AN ACT to create** 234.66 of the statutes; **relating to:** providing housing vouchers
2 to individuals and families on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice
3 Voucher Program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority to develop and administer a program that provides housing vouchers to individuals and families that are on a waiting list for a voucher under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program. The bill requires that vouchers provided under the program must have the same terms and conditions that apply to federal housing choice vouchers. A person who receives a federal housing choice voucher is prohibited from receiving a voucher under the program. The bill specifies that the vouchers must be distributed among the waiting lists maintained by WHEDA, public housing agencies that contract with WHEDA, and local housing authorities in proportion to the number of applicants on each waiting list maintained by those entities.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 234.66 of the statutes is created to read:
5 **234.66 State housing voucher program. (1) VOUCHERS.** (a) The authority
6 shall develop policies and procedures for and administer a state housing voucher

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1 program to provide housing vouchers to individuals and families that are on a
2 waiting list that the authority or a public housing agency that contracts with the
3 authority maintains for vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher
4 Program.

5 (am) The authority shall make grants directly to housing authorities under s.
6 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or 66.1213 for the purpose of funding vouchers under this
7 section, subject to the policies and procedures developed under par. (a) and the
8 requirements of this section.

9 (b) Vouchers provided under this section shall be distributed in proportion to
10 the number of vouchers distributed by the authority, public housing agencies that
11 contract with the authority to provide vouchers under the federal Housing Choice
12 Voucher Program, and housing authorities under s. 59.53 (22), 61.73, 66.1201, or
13 66.1213 that provide vouchers under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

14 (c) The authority shall issue its negotiable bonds in such principal amount and
15 length of maturity as to provide sufficient funds, not to exceed \$2,750,000, to fund
16 the voucher program under par. (a).

17 **(2) CONDITIONS.** (a) The housing vouchers provided under this section shall be
18 provided to recipients under the same terms and conditions as vouchers under the
19 federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

20 (b) A person who receives a federal Housing Choice Voucher may not receive
21 a voucher under this section.

22 (END)