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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 51.42 (4) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring county
 2 community programs board appointees to include law enforcement personnel and
 3 hospital employees and increasing the size of county community programs boards.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council’s Special Committee on Review of Emergency Detention and Admission of Minors Under Chapter 51.

Under current law, county departments of community programs are governed by boards comprised of members of the county board of supervisors and citizen members. The county community programs board is a governing and policy-making board. In a single-county department, the board must be composed of 9 to 15 persons. Members must have a recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic, or drug dependent persons and shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic, and the interest group of the drug dependent. At least one member must be a consumer of services or a family member of the consumer. No more than 5 members may be county board of supervisors members.

In a multicounty department, the board is composed of 11 members, with 3 additional members for each county in a multicounty department of community programs in excess of 2. As with the single-county department board, a multicounty department board shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic, and the interest group of the drug dependent. At least one member must be a consumer of services or a family member of the consumer. Each of the counties in the multicounty department of community programs may appoint to the county community programs board not more than 3 members from its county board of supervisors.

This draft requires at least one of the members appointed to a single- or multicounty community programs board to be a law enforcement officer and at least one member to be a hospital employee or representative.

The maximum number of members for a single-county department is accordingly increased to 17. The number of members for a multicounty department is increased to 13, with 3 additional members for each county in the multicounty department in excess of 2.

1 **SECTION 1.** 51.42 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 51.42 **(4)** (b) *Composition.* 1. In a single-county department of community programs
3 the county community programs board shall be composed of not less than 9 nor more than ~~15~~
4 17 persons of recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of the mentally ill,
5 developmentally disabled, alcoholic or drug dependent persons and shall have representation
6 from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled,
7 the interest group of the alcoholic and the interest group of the drug dependent. ~~At least one~~
8 ~~member~~ Of the members appointed to a county community programs board, at least one
9 member shall be an individual who receives or has received services for mental illness,
10 developmental disability, alcoholism or drug dependency or shall be a family member of such
11 an individual, at least one member shall be a law enforcement officer, and at least one member
12 shall be a hospital employee or representative. No more than 5 members may be appointed
13 from the county board of supervisors.

COMMENT: Should the minimum number of board members also be increased from 11 to 13?

14 2. In a multicounty department of community programs, the county community
15 programs board shall be composed of ~~11~~ 13 members with 3 additional members for each
16 county in a multicounty department of community programs in excess of 2. Appointments
17 shall be made by the county boards of supervisors of the counties in a multicounty department
18 of community programs in a manner acceptable to the counties in the multicounty department
19 of community programs and shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally
20 ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic and

1 the interest group of the drug dependent. ~~At least one member~~ Of the members appointed to
2 a county community programs board, at least one member shall be an individual who receives
3 or has received services for mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism or drug
4 dependency or shall be a family member of such an individual, at least one member shall be
5 a law enforcement officer, and at least one member shall be a hospital employee or
6 representative. Each of the counties in the multicounty department of community programs
7 may appoint to the county community programs board not more than 3 members from its
8 county board of supervisors.

9 (END)