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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 255

April 14, 2017 - Introduced by Representatives ZIMMERMAN, QUINN, E. BROOKS, TRANEL, BALLWEG, BERNIER, EDMING, KITCHENS, KRUG, KULP, MURSAU, NERISON, NOVAK, PETRYK, RIPP, SNYDER, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, SWEARINGEN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, BILLINGS, DOYLE, GENRICH and MEYERS, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, HARSDORF, BEWLEY, COWLES, ERPENBACH, OLSEN, RINGHAND and SHILLING. Referred to Committee on Rural Development and Mining.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.435 (1) (fL) and 146.617 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants
2 for quality improvement initiatives and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to distribute \$100,000 in grant moneys each fiscal year to the Wisconsin Hospital Association Foundation Quality Improvement Fund to 1) increase participation by rural hospitals in quality improvement activities by the association; or 2) broaden the scope of quality improvement activities provided by the association. The bill also requires the association to submit an annual report regarding the outcomes resulting from activities funded by the grant program.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
4 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

ASSEMBLY BILL 255**SECTION 1****2017-18****2018-19****1 20.435 Health services, department of**

2 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, REGULATION,
3 AND DELIVERY

4 (fL) Quality improvement initiatives

5 grants GPR A 100,000 100,000

6 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (1) (fL) of the statutes is created to read:

7 20.435 (1) (fL) *Quality improvement initiatives grants.* The amounts in the
8 schedule for grants to the Wisconsin Hospital Association Foundation Quality
9 Improvement Fund under s. 146.617.

10 **SECTION 3.** 146.617 of the statutes is created to read:

11 **146.617 Quality improvement initiatives grants.** (1) In this section:

12 (a) "Association" means the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

13 (b) "Rural hospital" means a hospital, as defined under s. 50.33 (2), that is not
14 located in a 1st class city.

15 (2) From the appropriation under s. 20.435 (1) (fL), the department shall
16 distribute a grant of \$100,000 each fiscal year to the association Foundation Quality
17 Improvement Fund for any of the following purposes:

18 (a) Increase participation by rural hospitals in quality improvement activities
19 by the association.

20 (b) Broaden the scope of quality improvement activities provided by the
21 association.

22 (3) Beginning on March 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, the association shall
23 submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the legislature for distribution to

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1 the legislature in the manner under s. 13.172 (2) describing the outcomes resulting
2 from activities funded by the grant program under this section.

3 **SECTION 4. Effective date.**

4 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
5 publication of the 2017-19 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

6 (END)