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Overview

This bill transfers funds from the group residential housing (GRH) fund to county human service agencies for emergency shelter beds removed from the GRH census in a biennial plan submitted by the county and approved by the commissioner, and allows the funding to be used for room and board or supplemental services.

GRH is a state program that provides payments on behalf of eligible persons to pay for room and board and related housing services.

In order to be eligible for GRH payments, an individual must be determined eligible for residence in a GRH setting and must: (1) be aged, blind, or over 18 years of age and disabled, and meet specified income and asset standards; or (2) belong to certain categories of individuals potentially eligible for GA and meet specified income and asset standards.

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- 1** **Transfer of emergency shelter funds.** Amends § 256I.05, by adding subd. 11. Requires the commissioner to make a cost-neutral transfer of funding from the GRH fund to county human service agencies for emergency shelter beds removed from the GRH census under a biennial plan submitted by the county and approved by the commissioner. Sets the due date of the biennial plan on August 1, beginning August 1, 2017. Lists the information that must be described in the plan, including: (1) anticipated and actual outcomes for persons experiencing homelessness; (2) improved efficiencies in administration; (3) requirements

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for individual eligibility; and (4) plans for quality assurance monitoring and outcomes. Requires the commissioner to review the county plan to monitor implementation and outcomes. Allows the funding to be used for room and board or supplemental services. Requires funding to be allocated annually. Requires the room and board portion of the allocation to be determined at the time of transfer. Allows the commissioner or county to return beds to the GRH fund with 180 days' notice. Makes this section effective July 1, 2017.