



## 1999 SENATE BILL 424

March 1, 2000 – Introduced by Senators PLACHE, MOEN, ROESSLER, GROBSCHMIDT, WELCH, RISSER, DRZEWIECKI, FITZGERALD, SCHULTZ, BAUMGART, BRESKE, RUDE, CLAUSING, ZIEN, GEORGE, WIRCH and JAUCH, cosponsored by Representatives LADWIG, KREUSER, MUSSER, SYKORA, BLACK, WIECKERT, HOVEN, VRAKAS, KREIBICH, HUEBSCH, WAUKAU, PETTIS, SCHNEIDER, GUNDERSON, BOCK, SUDER, M. LEHMAN, HAHN, PLOUFF, BRANDEMUEHL, TURNER, PORTER, SERATTI, UNDERHEIM, CARPENTER, PETROWSKI, OWENS, HANDRICK, DUFF, GRONEMUS, HUNDERTMARK, GROTHMAN, MONTGOMERY, JOHNSRUD, SPILLNER, NASS, PLALE, BOYLE, TRAVIS, JESKEWITZ, STONE, HUTCHISON, J. LEHMAN, AINSWORTH, HASENOHRL, ALBERS, RYBA, JENSEN, OTT, RILEY and HEBL, by request of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Referred to Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 45.397 (2) (a), 46.27 (1) (dr) and 150.46 (1) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** schools eligible for veteran retraining grants, application of the  
3             state resource allocation program and making appropriations.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a veteran may receive a grant of up to \$3,000 for retraining to enable the veteran to obtain employment. Currently, to receive a grant, the veteran must be enrolled in a training course at a technical college or in an on-the-job training program that meets program requirements promulgated by rule by the department of veterans affairs. This bill allows a veteran to also receive a retraining grant if the veteran is enrolled in a training course in a proprietary school that is approved by the educational approval board.

Under current law, the construction of new nursing home beds, increases in nursing home bed capacity, certain large capital expenditures and clinical equipment expenditures, and the conversion of a nursing home to a developmental disability facility are subject to the state resource allocation program. Under this program, none of these activities may be undertaken without the approval of the department of health and family services. Currently, this program does not apply to the Wisconsin Veterans Home at King. Under this bill, the program would also not apply to the new veterans nursing care facility in southeastern Wisconsin nor to the three state centers for the developmentally disabled.

The bill also provides funding for staff to operate the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Retirement Center, a residential facility for veterans located in

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southeastern Wisconsin that was authorized in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, the 1999–2001 budget bill.

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 45.397 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           45.397 (2) (a) The veteran is enrolled in a training course in a technical college  
3           under ch. 38 or in a proprietary school approved by the educational approval board  
4           under s. 45.54, other than a proprietary school offering a 4-year degree or 4-year  
5           programs, or is engaged in a structured on-the-job training program that meets  
6           program requirements promulgated by the department by rule.

7           **SECTION 2.** 46.27 (1) (dr) of the statutes is amended to read:

8           46.27 (1) (dr) “State-operated long-term care facility” means a state center for  
9           the developmentally disabled ~~and, the Wisconsin veterans home~~ Veterans Home at  
10           King and the nursing care facility operated by the department of veterans affairs  
11           under s. 45.385.

12           **SECTION 3.** 150.46 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           150.46 (1) This subchapter ~~applies~~ does not apply to the Wisconsin Veterans  
14           Home at King only with respect to the statewide bed limit under s. 150.31 and with  
15           respect to the application, review and approval procedures relating to an increase in  
16           the nursing home bed capacity of the Wisconsin Veterans Home, under ss. 150.21 (2),  
17           150.33, 150.35, 150.39, 150.40, 150.41 and 150.43 any state-operated long-term  
18           care facility, as defined in s. 46.27 (1) (dr), except as provided in s. 150.31 (5m).

19           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

20           (1) The authorized FTE positions for the department of veterans affairs from  
21           the appropriation under section 20.485 (2) (v) of the statutes is decreased by 1.0 PR

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1 position on the effective date of this subsection, for the purpose of managing the  
2 Wisconsin veterans museum.

3 (2) The authorized FTE positions for the department of veterans affairs from  
4 the appropriation under section 20.485 (4) (m) of the statutes is increased by 1.0 PR  
5 position on the effective date of this subsection, for the purpose of providing care and  
6 operation of the Southeastern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

7 **SECTION 5. Appropriation changes; veterans affairs.**

8 (1) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
9 to the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (2) (wd) of the statutes,  
10 as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$16,000 for fiscal  
11 year 1999-00 and the dollar amount is increased by \$47,700 for fiscal year 2000-01  
12 to increase the authorized FTE positions by 1.0 SEG position on the effective date  
13 of this subsection, for the purpose of managing the Wisconsin veterans museum.

14 (2) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
15 to the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (4) (q) of the statutes, as  
16 affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is decreased by \$9,100 for fiscal year  
17 1999-00 and the dollar amount is decreased by \$27,300 for fiscal year 2000-01 to  
18 decrease the authorized FTE positions by 1.0 PR position on the effective date of this  
19 subsection, for the purpose of providing care and operation of the Southeastern  
20 Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

21 (3) There is transferred from the appropriation to the department of veterans  
22 affairs under section 20.485 (4) (g) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 1999, to  
23 the appropriation to that department under section 20.485 (4) (q) of the statutes, as  
24 affected by the acts of 1999, \$29,900 in fiscal year 1999-2000 and \$90,300 in fiscal  
25 year 2000-01 to transfer 2.5 FTE positions from PR to SEG for the purpose of

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1 providing care and operation of the Southeastern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial  
2 Cemetery.

3 (4) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
4 to the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (2) (tm) of the statutes,  
5 as affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$725,000 for fiscal  
6 year 2000–01, for the purpose of planning the establishment and administration of  
7 a skilled nursing facility at the southeastern Wisconsin veterans facility.

8 (5) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
9 to the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (1) (gk) of the statutes, as  
10 affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$1,134,800 for fiscal  
11 year 2000–01 to increase the authorized FTE positions by 23.0 PR positions on the  
12 effective date of this act, for the purpose of operating and providing care at the  
13 Southern Wisconsin Veterans Retirement Center.

14 (6) In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation  
15 to the department of veterans affairs under section 20.485 (2) (tj) of the statutes, as  
16 affected by the acts of 1999, the dollar amount is increased by \$90,000 for fiscal year  
17 2000–01 for the purpose of providing retraining grants to veterans enrolled in a  
18 training course at a proprietary school.

19 (END)