



## 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 63

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 14.16 (9); and *to create* 14.16 (9m) and 45.09 of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** Hire a Veteran Week, Veteran Recognition Week, and veterans  
3             who volunteer in schools.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 14.16 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5             14.16 (9) HIRE A VETERAN WEEK. To recognize the contribution veterans have  
6             made to our society and the special needs of unemployed veterans and to encourage  
7             the hiring of unemployed veterans, the 2nd week of November that starts on Sunday  
8             and ends on Saturday and in which November 11 falls is designated “Hire a Veteran  
9             Week”.” The governor shall issue annually a suitable proclamation for the  
10            observance of “Hire a Veteran Week” encouraging all employers to hire veterans.

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1           **SECTION 2.** 14.16 (9m) of the statutes is created to read:

2           **14.16 (9m) VETERAN RECOGNITION WEEK.** To recognize the contribution and  
3 sacrifices veterans have made to our society, including those who have given their  
4 lives in service, the 7–day period that ends on November 11 is designated “Veteran  
5 Recognition Week.” The governor shall issue annually a suitable proclamation for  
6 the observance of “Veteran Recognition Week” encouraging all citizens to honor  
7 veterans during the week, emphasizing educational efforts directed at teaching  
8 students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

9           **SECTION 3.** 45.09 of the statutes is created to read:

10           **45.09 Veterans as classroom volunteers. (1)** In this section:

11           (a) “Private school” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (3r).

12           (b) “Public school” has the meaning given in s. 115.01 (1).

13           (c) “School term” has the meaning given in s. 115.001 (12).

14           **(2)** Subject to sub. (3), the department shall award a certificate of achievement  
15 and appreciation to any veteran who completes 20 hours of volunteer service in a  
16 public or private school during a school term.

17           **(3)** A certificate shall be awarded under sub. (2) if all of the following  
18 requirements are met:

19           (a) The volunteer service consists of classroom service that involves direct  
20 interaction with pupils, with an emphasis on sharing the lessons the veteran learned  
21 from his or her military experience.

22           (b) The veteran is not an employee of the school or school district during the  
23 term in which the volunteer service takes place.

24           (c) By July 1 after the school term in which the volunteer service takes place,  
25 the veteran submits to the department a form signed by the school principal or school

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1 district administrator verifying that the veteran fulfilled the 20 hours of volunteer  
2 service specified under par. (a).

3 (END)