



State of Wisconsin  
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 732**

March 20, 2018 - Offered by Senators ERPENBACH, RISSER, RINGHAND, MILLER, SHILLING, BEWLEY, WIRCH, HANSEN, LARSON, SCHACHTNER, JOHNSON, VINEHOUT, CARPENTER and L. TAYLOR.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.485 (2) (c) and 45.455 of the statutes; **relating to:** a program  
2 to provide outreach, support, and mental health and substance abuse services  
3 for veterans and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This substitute amendment requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to administer a program to provide outreach, mental health services, and support to certain individuals who are serving or who have served in the armed forces and who have a mental health condition or substance abuse disorder. Under the substitute amendment, DVA must provide quarterly reports to the governor and the Joint Committee on Finance that include the number of individuals served by the program, the services provided to individuals, and the types of insurance held by individuals who receive services under the program.

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

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

**2017-18      2018-19**

1    **20.485    Veterans affairs, department of**

2    (2)    LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

3        (c)    Veterans outreach and recovery

4        program                                      GPR    B          538,521      719,779

5        **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes is created to read:

6            20.485 (2) (c) *Veterans outreach and recovery program.* Biennially, the amounts  
7    in the schedule to provide outreach, mental health services, and support as specified  
8    in s. 45.455.

9        **SECTION 3.** 45.455 of the statutes is created to read:

10        **45.455 Veterans outreach and recovery program. (1)** To be funded from  
11    the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (c), the department shall administer a program  
12    to provide outreach, mental health services, and support to individuals who have a  
13    mental health condition or substance abuse disorder, and who meet one of the  
14    following conditions:

15           (a) Are serving in the national guard of any state or a reserve component of the  
16    U.S. armed forces.

17           (b) Served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, forces incorporated as part  
18    of the U.S. armed forces, a reserve component of the U.S. armed forces, or the  
19    national guard of any state and were discharged under conditions other than  
20    dishonorable.

21           **(2)** The eligibility requirements under s. 45.02 do not apply to an individual  
22    receiving services under sub. (1).

1           **(3)** The department may provide payments to facilitate the provision of services  
2 under sub. (1).

3           **(4)** Beginning on June 30, 2018, and quarterly thereafter, the department shall  
4 submit a report to the governor and the joint committee on finance that includes all  
5 of the following:

6           (a) The number of veterans served and the services provided to veterans under  
7 sub. (1).

8           (b) The types of insurance a veteran has at the time the veteran receives a  
9 service under sub. (1).

10           **SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.**

11           (1) POSITION AUTHORITY. The authorized FTE positions for the department of  
12 veterans affairs are increased by 8.0 GPR FTE positions, to be funded from the  
13 appropriation under section 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes, for the purpose of  
14 administering the program to provide outreach, mental health services, and support  
15 under section 45.455 of the statutes.

16                                   **(END)**