



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2017 Assembly Bill 422**

**Assembly Amendments 1 & 2**

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### **2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 422**

This bill creates wage subsidies for employers providing transitional jobs to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have been unemployed for at least four weeks. It creates a new program called Hire Heroes, under which employers can be reimbursed for the wages of a veteran, for no more than 40 hours per week at no more than the applicable minimum wage, up to 1,040 hours. Participants are subject to substance abuse screening. Individuals are not eligible for this program if they are eligible for Wisconsin Works (W-2). The bill allocates \$400,000 for the program and directs the Department of Workforce Development, the Department of Children and Families, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to each seek additional federal funds to support the program.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1**

Assembly Amendment 1 would change the source of the funding from general purpose revenue to federal funding.

### **ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2**

Assembly Amendment 2 would add an eligibility limitation to individuals who apply within seven years of discharge from military service.

### **BILL HISTORY**

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representatives Horlacher and Riemer on October 10, 2017. Assembly Amendment 2 was offered by Representative Horlacher on October 10, 2017. On October 24, 2017, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development recommended adoption of both amendments on votes of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 14; Noes, 0.

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