



State of Wisconsin
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Stinebrink, BB0018 - Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program
FOR 2019-2021 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau
VETERANS

1. Veterans outreach and recovery program

2017 Wisconsin Act 295 created a requirement that DVA administer a pilot program that expires on June 30, 2019, to provide outreach, mental health services, and support to certain individuals who are serving or who have served in the armed forces, who reside in Wisconsin, and who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder. This bill continues the program on an ongoing basis.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 20.485 (2) (qs) of the statutes is created to read:

20.485 (2) (qs) *Veterans outreach and recovery program.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to provide outreach, mental health services, and support under s. 45.48.

***NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 45.48 of the statutes is created to read:

45.48 Veterans outreach and recovery program. (1) To be funded from the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (qs), the department shall administer a program to provide outreach, mental health services, and support to individuals who reside in this state, who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder, and who meet one of the following conditions:

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

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

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

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

(END)