

State of Wisconsin



2017 Assembly Bill 732

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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 295

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

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

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

			2017-18	2018-19
20.485 Veterans affairs, department of				
(2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS				
(c) Veterans outreach and recovery program	GPR	B	180,000	719,800

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

20.485 (2) (c) *Veterans outreach and recovery program.* Biennially, the amounts in the schedule to provide outreach, mental health services, and support as specified in 2017 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 4 (1).

SECTION 3. 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) VETERANS OUTREACH AND RECOVERY PROGRAM.

(a) To be funded from the appropriation under section 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes, the department of veterans affairs shall administer a pilot program, ending on June 30, 2019, to provide outreach, mental health services, and support to individuals who may have a mental health condition or substance abuse disorder, and who meet one of the following conditions:

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

2. 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.

(b) The eligibility requirements under section 45.02 of the statutes do not apply to an individual receiving services under paragraph (a).

(c) The department of veterans affairs may provide payments to facilitate the provision of services under paragraph (a).

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

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

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

2. The types of insurance a veteran has at the time the veteran receives a service under paragraph (a).

(2) REPORTING EXPENSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS. In the report under subsection (1) (d) that is due on December 30, 2018, the department of veterans affairs shall include a summary of the administrative expenses for the program and the department's recommendations for whether to continue or expand the pilot program under subsection (1).

(3) POSITION AUTHORITY. The authorized FTE posi-

tions for the department of veterans affairs are increased by 8.0 GPR FTE project positions, to be funded from the appropriation under section 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes, for the purpose of administering the program to provide outreach, treatment, and support under subsection (1), for the period beginning on the effective date of this subsection and ending on June 30, 2019.

SECTION 5. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of of section 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2019.
