



State of Wisconsin
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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.

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.

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
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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).

