



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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2017 Senate Bill 338

**Senate
Amendments 1 and 2**

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2017 SENATE BILL 338

2017 Senate Bill 338 requires the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to establish a “Hire Heroes” program to provide transitional jobs to veterans. Under the bill, DWD may reimburse an employer that employs an eligible veteran for a minimum of 20 hours per week at a location in this state for certain costs that are attributable to the employment of the individual under the program. An individual is eligible for the program if the person: (1) is at least 18 years of age; (2) is a veteran; (3) is ineligible to participate in the Wisconsin Works Program; (4) has been unemployed for at least four weeks; and (5) satisfies requirements related to substance abuse screening, testing, and treatment.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the grants are to be funded by federal funds for workforce investment and assistance activities received by the state.

SENATE AMENDMENT 2

Senate Amendment 2 adds an additional eligibility requirement for the program. Under the amendment, a veteran must submit an application to the program no later than seven years after the date of discharge from military service.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendments 1 and 2 were offered by Senator Cowles on October 2, 2017. On October 24, 2017, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs voted unanimously to recommend adoption of both amendments and passage of the bill, as amended.

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