

### Fiscal Estimate - 2023 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>23-5877/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>SB-1066</b>
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 employment of direct-care employees by veterans homes, eligibility for burial in veterans cemeteries, and elements of sexual assault under the Wisconsin Code of Military Justice

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
  - Increase Existing Revenues
  - Decrease Existing Revenues
  - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
    - Yes
    - No
  - Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
  - Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs      3.  Increase Revenue
  - Permissive    Mandatory       Permissive    Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs      4.  Decrease Revenue
  - Permissive    Mandatory       Permissive    Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected**
- Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR   
  FED   
  PRO   
  PRS   
  SEG   
  SEGS   
 20.485 (4)(g), (m) and (q)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates three state veterans cemeteries in King, Union Grove and Spooner. Under current law, veterans who entered military service from Wisconsin or who have been residents of Wisconsin for at least 12 months preceding death are eligible for burial in a state veterans cemetery. In addition, any member of a state veterans home and service members killed in the line of duty are eligible for burial in a state veterans cemetery regardless of residency. The department receives a plot interment allowance from the federal government for each veteran interred in a state veterans cemetery and is authorized to collect cost-based interment fees for the burial of spouses and dependents of veterans.

2023 Assembly Bill 1079 deletes the residency requirement for any otherwise qualified veteran to be buried in a state veterans cemetery. This change may result in an indeterminate increase in costs and revenues to the extent that the number of burials increases. The scope of the increase is not expected to be significant based on the experience of other states that have implemented similar changes which resulted in a limited increase in burials.

This bill makes changes to the Chapter 20 appropriations that fund the state veterans cemeteries to incorporate the changes to residency requirements. There is no fiscal impact from these changes.

Finally, this bill makes minor changes to the recruitment process for nonsupervisory positions providing direct care at the state veterans homes. The only real change to the department's recruitment process will reduce the number of individuals participating in rating and interview panels. There are no changes to the requirement that potential employees submit applications and resumes which are rated and used as the basis for interviews.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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