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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### MEMORANDUM

To: Members  
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling  
Representative John Nygren

Date: September 1, 2017

Re: WTCS Report to JFC

Attached is a report regarding Veteran Grant Job pilot program from the Wisconsin Technical College System, pursuant to s. 38.31 (3), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Senator Alberta Darling and  
Representative John Nygren, Co-Chairpersons  
Joint Committee on Finance  
State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

I am pleased to share with you the attached report in compliance with section 38.31 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. This provision requires the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to submit an annual report regarding Veteran Grant Jobs Pilot Program. The report is to be submitted to the Joint Committee on Finance.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Lisa Hebgren, Associate Vice President, Office of Student Success at 608-267-9065.

Sincerely,

Morna K. Foy  
President

Cc: Joe Malkasian, JFC Committee Clerk  
Bob Lang, Legislative Fiscal Bureau



## WTCS 2016-17 Veteran Grant Jobs Pilot Program Final Report

Section 38.31 of Wisconsin State Statutes established a competitive grant program intended to provide support programs or services for veterans. The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) received \$500,000 in funds to support student veterans across the state.

Below is a summary of the WTCS Veteran Grant Jobs Pilot Program outcomes as requested in Section 38.31.

(a.) The technical colleges that received grant funding and the amount of funding received by each:

- Blackhawk Technical College: \$37,702
- Gateway Technical College: \$100,000
- Fox Valley Technical College: \$59,483
- Madison Area Technical College: \$72,331
- Milwaukee Area Technical College: \$100,000
- Northcentral Technical College: \$35,000
- Southwest Technical College: \$30,685
- Waukesha County Technical College: \$58,960

(b.) The programs or services funded through the grant program:

- Kognito Online “Veterans on Campus” and “Peer to Peer” Training
- Case management and retention services
- Counseling and mental health services
- Veterans mentoring programs
- Creation and support of veterans student organizations
- Veterans support specialists
- Tutoring services for veteran students
- Workshops on mental health, financial literacy, and career readiness
- Purchasing of adaptive technology
- Creation of veteran specific webpage on school website
- Community outreach to local veteran agencies
- Emergency transportation assistance
- Creation of veterans lounge
- Targeted recruitment events
- Credit for Prior Learning and academic advising
- Expos to connect veteran students with community services
- Creation of online portal for veterans orientation and student success workshops

(c.) The total number of veterans supported through the grant program: 1,394

(d.) The amount of unencumbered funds, if any, that lapsed to the veterans trust fund from the appropriation under s. 20.292 (1) (r) at the end of the 2015-17 fiscal biennium: \$94,391.63