



2013 SENATE BILL 405

November 11, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, LEHMAN, SHILLING, VINEHOUT, HANSEN, WIRCH, C. LARSON, RISSER, OLSEN, ERPENBACH, L. TAYLOR and CARPENTER, cosponsored by Representatives KOLSTE, VRUWINK, WRIGHT, OHNSTAD, SINICKI and PRIDEMORE. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to affect* 2013 Wisconsin Act 20, section 9149 (2q) (b) 6m.; **relating to:**
2 membership of a task force studying issues relating to the operation, use, and
3 construction of state veterans home and other facilities for veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

2013 Wisconsin Act 20 (the 2013–15 biennial budget act) created a task force to study various issues relating to the operation, use, and construction of state veterans homes and facilities, the issues including whether to enter into contracts for an operational manager to assume management responsibility for the homes and whether to construct correctional facilities to house incarcerated veterans. The task force has ten members, two members each from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Military Affairs, and the Department of Administration. This bill adds six members to the task force that are appointed by the Council on Veterans Programs, which is attached to DVA and which advises DVA on solutions and policy alternatives relating to the problems of veterans. Each of the six members have to represent a veterans organization that is eligible to have a representative on the Council. The veterans organizations include organizations that represent disabled veterans, that represent veterans from specific wars or military conflicts, and whose membership is based on race, gender or religion.

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

