



State of Wisconsin
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2019 SENATE BILL 141

March 28, 2019 - Introduced by Senator JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, FELZKOWSKI, MURPHY, SKOWRONSKI, SORTWELL, SPIROS, THIESFELDT, TUSLER, WICHGERS, ZIMMERMAN and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal and recreate* 20.485 (2) (c); *to create* 45.48 of the statutes;
2 and *to affect* 2017 Wisconsin Act 295, section 3; **relating to:** the veterans
3 outreach and recovery program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires DVA 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, who reside in Wisconsin, and who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder. The bill provides \$1,296,400 in each year of the 2019-21 fiscal biennium for this purpose.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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:

SENATE BILL 141**SECTION 1****2019-20****2020-21****1 20.485 Veterans affairs, department of**

2 (2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

3 (c) Veterans outreach and recovery

4 program GPR B 1,296,400 1,296,400

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (c) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:6 20.485 (2) (c) *Veterans outreach and recovery program.* Biennially, from the
7 general fund, the amounts in the schedule to provide outreach, mental health
8 services, and support under s. 45.48.9 **SECTION 3.** 45.48 of the statutes is created to read:10 **45.48 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 reside
13 in this state, who may have a mental health condition or substance use disorder, and
14 who meet one of the 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).

