



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1602/P1

ARG:cdc

DOA:.....Kirschbaum, BB0359 - UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Projects

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

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***UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project***

Under this bill, the Board of Regents of the UW System must provide funding to the UW Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project (MIA Recovery Project) for missions to recover and identify Wisconsin veterans who are missing in action. At the conclusion of the mission for which funding is provided, the MIA Recovery Project must submit to the Board of Regents, JCF, each legislative standing committee dealing with veterans matters, the governor, DVA, and DMA a report on the mission's findings and an accounting of expenditures for the mission. The bill allocates \$500,000 in each year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium for the MIA Recovery Project.

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

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

**SECTION 9147. Nonstatutory provisions; University of Wisconsin System.**

(1) FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MISSING-IN-ACTION RECOVERY AND IDENTIFICATION PROJECT.

(a) In this subsection:

1. "Board" means the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System.

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2. “MIA Recovery Project” means the University of Wisconsin Missing-in-Action Recovery and Identification Project.

(b) From the appropriation under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the board shall provide \$500,000 in funding in each fiscal year of the 2025-27 fiscal biennium for the MIA Recovery Project to perform a mission for the recovery and identification of Wisconsin veterans who are missing in action.

(c) The MIA Recovery Project, acting through its representative, shall submit at the conclusion of the mission for which the funds were expended, to the board, the joint committee on finance, the standing committees of each house of the legislature dealing with veterans matters, the governor, the department of veterans affairs, and the department of military affairs, a report on the mission’s findings and an accounting of expenditures for the mission.

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