



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE BILL 396

August 25, 2025 - Introduced by Senators HESSELBEIN, SMITH, CARPENTER, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, DRAKE, HABUSH SINYKIN, L. JOHNSON, KEYESKI, LARSON, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives VINING, SINICKI, TENORIO, BROWN, MCCARVILLE, ROE, DESANTO, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BARE, DESMIDT, DOYLE, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HONG, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MIRESE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, NEUBAUER, PALMERI, PRADO, SHEEHAN, SNODGRASS, SPAUDE, STUBBS, TAYLOR and UDELL. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Veteran and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program and making
2 an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides an additional \$512,900 in the 2025-26 fiscal year and \$602,800 in the 2026-27 fiscal year to the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program and increases the authorized positions to the Department of Veterans Affairs by seven positions to provide increased services under the program. The Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program provides outreach, treatment, and support to veterans who have a mental health condition or a substance use disorder.

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:

3 **SECTION 1. Fiscal changes.**

4 (1) VETERANS OUTREACH AND RECOVERY PROGRAM. In the schedule under s.
5 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of veterans affairs under s.

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1 20.485 (2) (qs), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2025-26 is increased by \$512,900 to
2 increase the authorized FTE positions to the department of veterans affairs by 7.0
3 SEG positions to increase services under the veterans outreach and recovery
4 program. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the
5 department of veterans affairs under s. 20.485 (2) (qs), the dollar amount for fiscal
6 year 2026-27 is increased by \$602,800 to provide funding for the positions
7 authorized under this subsection to increase services under the veterans outreach
8 and recovery program.

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

10 (1) This act takes effect on the day after publication, or on the 2nd day after
11 publication of the 2025 biennial budget act, whichever is later.

12 **(END)**