



2021 SENATE BILL 734

November 30, 2021 - Introduced by Senators AGARD, ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, LARSON, RINGHAND, ROYS and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives VINING, BROSTOFF, CONSIDINE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CABRERA, CONLEY, DOYLE, EMERSON, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HONG, B. MEYERS, MILROY, NEUBAUER, OHNSTAD, SHANKLAND, SHELTON, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** adding positions for the veterans outreach and recovery
2 program and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the veterans outreach and recovery program provides outreach, treatment, and support to veterans who have mental health conditions. This bill provides an additional 7 FTE positions to the veterans outreach and recovery program.

The bill also provides additional funding for higher education and for special education aid the Department of Public Instruction pays to school districts, independent charter schools, cooperative educational service agencies, and county children with disabilities education boards, for purposes of maintaining compliance with maintenance of effort requirements of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act and the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

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. 20.005
5 (3) for the appropriation to the department of veterans affairs under s. 20.485 (2) (qs),

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1 the dollar amount for fiscal year 2021-22 is increased by \$599,700 to increase the
2 authorized FTE positions to the department by 7.0 SEG positions to increase services
3 provided under the veterans outreach and recovery program. In the schedule under
4 s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department of veterans affairs under s.
5 20.485 (2) (qs), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2022-23 is increased by \$716,300 to
6 provide funding for the positions authorized under this subsection.

7 (2) SPECIAL EDUCATION AID. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the
8 appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2) (b), the
9 dollar amount is increased by \$380,000 for the 2021-22 fiscal year to increase
10 funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88. In the schedule under s. 20.005
11 (3) for the appropriation to the department of public instruction under s. 20.255 (2)
12 (b), the dollar amount is increased by \$450,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year to increase
13 funding for aids for special education under s. 115.88.

14 (3) UW SYSTEM, GENERAL PROGRAM OPERATIONS. In the schedule under s. 20.005
15 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin
16 System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar amount is increased by \$95,000 for the
17 2021-22 fiscal year to increase funding for the purpose for which the appropriation
18 is made. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the Board of
19 Regents of the University of Wisconsin System under s. 20.285 (1) (a), the dollar
20 amount is increased by \$115,000 for the 2022-23 fiscal year to increase funding for
21 the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

22 (END)