



2021 SENATE BILL 780

December 17, 2021 - Introduced by Senators ROYS, WIRCH, BEWLEY, AGARD, SMITH, LARSON, CARPENTER and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives HESSELBEIN, B. MEYERS, MILROY, RIEMER, SINICKI, HEBL, CONLEY, HONG, CABRERA, POPE, ANDRACA, ANDERSON, STUBBS, SPREITZER, SUBECK, SHANKLAND, SHELTON and S. RODRIGUEZ. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and Constitution and Federalism.

1 **AN ACT to renumber** 15.497 (2) (a) and 15.497 (2) (b) to (h); **to amend** 15.497
2 (2) (intro.); and **to create** 15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.), 15.497 (2) (am) and 15.497 (2)
3 (ar) of the statutes; **relating to:** members of the Council on Veterans Programs.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Council on Veterans Programs advises the Board of Veterans Affairs and Department of Veterans Affairs on solutions and policy alternatives relating to the problems of veterans. The council consists of numerous representatives of various veterans organizations who are appointed by those organizations for one-year terms.

This bill adds the following members to the council, selected by the member's peers, to serve one-year terms:

1. A veteran services coordinator who is employed at a Wisconsin technical college.
2. A veteran services coordinator who is employed at a University of Wisconsin System institution.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 15.497 (2) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1 15.497 (2) COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS. (intro.) There is created in the
2 department of veterans affairs a council on veterans programs consisting of all of the
3 following representatives ~~appointed for one-year terms by the organization that~~
4 ~~each member represents:~~

5 **SECTION 2.** 15.497 (2) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 15.497 (2) (ag) 1.

6 **SECTION 3.** 15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.) of the statutes is created to read:

7 15.497 (2) (ag) (intro.) The following representatives appointed for one-year
8 terms by the organization that each member represents:

9 **SECTION 4.** 15.497 (2) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

10 15.497 (2) (am) For a one-year term, a veteran services coordinator who is
11 employed at a technical college in this state and who is popularly selected by other
12 technical college veteran services coordinators in this state.

13 **SECTION 5.** 15.497 (2) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

14 15.497 (2) (ar) For a one-year term, a veteran services coordinator who is
15 employed at a University of Wisconsin System institution, as defined in s. 36.05 (9),
16 and who is popularly selected by other University of Wisconsin System institution
17 veteran services coordinators.

18 **SECTION 6.** 15.497 (2) (b) to (h) of the statutes are renumbered 15.497 (2) (ag)
19 2. to 8.

20 **(END)**