



State of Wisconsin
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**SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO SENATE BILL 598**

February 21, 2020 - Offered by Senator JACQUE.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 45.82 (3); and *to amend* 20.485 (1) (gk) and 45.82 (2) of the
2 statutes; **relating to:** grants to counties and tribes for veterans services and
3 making an appropriation.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.485 (1) (gk) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 9,
5 is amended to read:

6 20.485 (1) (gk) *Institutional operations.* The amounts in the schedule for the
7 care of the members of the Wisconsin veterans homes under s. 45.50, for the payment
8 of stipends under s. 45.50 (2m) (f), for the transfer of moneys to the appropriation
9 account under s. 20.435 (4) (ky) for payment of the state share of the medical
10 assistance costs related to the provision of stipends under s. 45.50 (2m) (f), for the
11 payment of assistance to indigent veterans under s. 45.43 to allow them to reside at

1 the Wisconsin Veterans Home at Union Grove, and for the transfer of moneys to the
2 appropriation accounts under pars. (kc) and (kj), ~~and for the payment of grants under~~
3 ~~s. 45.82~~. Not more than 1 percent of the moneys credited to this appropriation
4 account may be used for the payment of assistance to indigent veterans under s.
5 45.43. All moneys received under par. (m) and s. 45.51 (7) (b) and (8) and all moneys
6 received for the care of members under medical assistance, as defined in s. 49.43 (8),
7 shall be credited to this appropriation account. Except for the moneys transferred
8 under this paragraph to the appropriation account under par. (kc), no moneys may
9 be expended from this appropriation for the purposes specified in par. (kc).

10 **SECTION 2.** 45.82 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 45.82 (2) The department of veterans affairs shall award a grant annually to
12 a county that meets the standards developed under this section if the county
13 executive, administrator, or administrative coordinator certifies to the department
14 that it employs a county veterans service officer who, if chosen after April 15, 2015,
15 is chosen from a list of candidates who have taken a civil service examination for the
16 ~~position of county veterans service officer developed and administered by the bureau~~
17 ~~of merit recruitment and selection in the department of administration, or is~~
18 ~~appointed under a civil service competitive examination procedure under s. 59.52 (8)~~
19 ~~or ch. 63~~ elected or appointed under s. 45.80 (1). The grant shall be \$8,500 \$22,000
20 for a county with a population of less than 20,000, ~~\$10,000 for a county with a~~
21 ~~population of 20,000 to 45,499, \$11,500 for a county with a population of 45,500 to~~
22 ~~74,999, 45,000 and \$13,000~~ \$25,000 for a county with a population of ~~75,000~~ 45,000
23 or more. Any remaining funds in the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (vx) after the
24 grants have been awarded shall be divided by the number of qualifying counties and
25 awarded to each county as an additional grant. The department of veterans affairs

1 shall use the most recent Wisconsin official population estimates prepared by the
2 demographic services center when making grants under this subsection.

3 **SECTION 3.** 45.82 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 4. Fiscal changes.**

5 (1) COUNTY GRANTS. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation
6 to the department of veterans affairs under s. 20.485 (2) (vx), the dollar amount for
7 fiscal year 2019-20 is increased by \$1,239,000 to administer and pay grants under
8 s. 45.82. In the schedule under s. 20.005 (3) for the appropriation to the department
9 of veterans affairs under s. 20.485 (2) (vx), the dollar amount for fiscal year 2020-21
10 is increased by \$1,239,000 to administer and pay grants under s. 45.82.

11 (END)