



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Senate Bill 613

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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2013 Senate Bill 613 (the bill) creates a grant program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Under the program, DVA may make up to a total of \$250,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations that provide financial assistance or other services to veterans and their families. The bill also repeals certain recordkeeping requirements existing in current law related to certain payments to veterans organizations from DVA. In addition, the bill creates new, general recordkeeping and audit requirements concerning all grants awarded by DVA.

Senate Amendment 1 to the bill establishes a sunset provision for the \$250,000 grant program, providing that the statutory authority will expire on July 1, 2015. Senate Amendment 1 also removes the provisions repealing certain recordkeeping requirements existing in current law related to certain payments to veterans organizations from DVA. The amendment does not affect the provision creating general recordkeeping and audit requirements concerning all grants awarded by DVA.

Senate Amendment 2 to the bill establishes a cap on the grants made to nonprofit organizations under the \$250,000 grant program, so that the maximum amount that may be granted to a nonprofit organization per fiscal year will be \$25,000.

Bill History

Senator Petrowski introduced Senate Amendment 1 on February 25, 2014, and Senate Amendment 2 on March 6, 2014. On March 6, 2014, the Senate Committee on Transportation, Public Safety and Veterans and Military Affairs voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0; and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; and Noes, 1.

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