



State of Wisconsin
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2023 SENATE BILL 416

September 8, 2023 - Introduced by Senators TESTIN, BALLWEG, FELZKOWSKI, JAMES, MARKLEIN, STROEBEL and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives EDMING, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, GOEBEN, GUSTAFSON, JOERS, KRUG, MAGNAFICI, MURPHY, MURSAU, O'CONNOR, RETTINGER, SCHUTT, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, TITTL and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 45.82 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** grants to counties for
2 veterans services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county or tribe may annually apply for a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of improving services provided to former military personnel through that county's veterans service office. To be eligible for a grant under the program, the county veteran's service officer must, if chosen after April 15, 2015, have taken a civil service examination for the position developed by the Bureau of Merit Recruitment and Selection in the Department of Administration or have been appointed under a civil service competitive examination procedure. This bill changes that requirement so that instead, to receive a grant, the county veteran's service officer must, if chosen after April 15, 2015, be a Wisconsin resident who served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces and meet certain other conditions.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.82 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2023 Wisconsin Act 19, is
4 amended to read:

