



# WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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## **Veterans Deserve Credit for Military Service:**

*Fond du Lac lawmakers introduce bill that expands military service credit under the Wisconsin Retirement System*

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**MADISON-** Senator Dan Feyen (R- Fond du Lac) and Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-Fond du Lac), introduced a bill that will change the treatment of military service under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) for Department of Corrections' (DOC) employees. Under current law the WRS only provides credit for military service prior to 1974. Under this bill, DOC employees who are veterans that have served at any time, including in more recent conflicts, will be able to receive WRS credit for military service after five years of employment. Sen. Feyen and Rep. Thiesfeldt released the following statement:

“The Department of Corrections employs over a thousand veterans; this bill would ensure that all veterans, including those who served in Afghanistan, Iraq and other more recent conflicts, are receiving the same military service credit in the Wisconsin Retirement System as veterans who served before 1974. A correctional officer from our district brought this issue to our attention, and we’re proud to say this bill will be an effective, bipartisan solution to combating high vacancy and overtime rates for Department of Corrections’ employees. It’s so important that we recognize the service of all our veterans. They have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, and they deserve to be taken care of once they return home.”

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