



WISCONSIN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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HESSLBEIN TROUBLED BY RUSHED BILLS

Rep. Dianne Hesselbein (D-Middleton) raised the alarm today regarding the rushed process on several bills of deep concern to Wisconsin veterans. The chair of the Assembly Veterans Committee, Representative Skowronski has announced plans to hold a vote on a controversial bill immediately following a public hearing. Planned amendments to the bill have not been made public.

“Is this any way to treat our Veterans in this great state? When AB 821 was first revealed I received numerous calls to my office with people expressing their alarm at the far reaching negative consequences of this bill,” said Hesselbein. “Assembly Bill 821 would allow counties to eliminate their County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs). AB 821 would also would allow non-veteran county employees to perform the duties of a CVSO, and would transfer most of the powers of the Board of Veterans Affairs to the Department of Veterans Affairs. These are only a few of the items in the original bill. While there is rumor of a substitute amendment to AB 821 that makes changes no one has seen a copy. Rushing bills through the legislature in the final days of the current session, without even knowing what is in them is wrong. Our Veterans deserve better than this secretive, rushed process. It should go without saying that our Veterans deserve the very best. The plans for this bill are far from it.”