



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 59

January Session, 2015

House Bill No. 6778

House of Representatives, March 12, 2015

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Department of Veterans'
2 Affairs shall initiate a study to determine what hardships are prevalent
3 among the state's veterans. The department shall report, in accordance
4 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings
5 of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
6 having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs on or before
7 February 1, 2016.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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VA Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
Vet. Affairs, Dept.	GF - Cost	27,500	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to conduct a study to determine hardships among the states veterans, is estimated to cost approximately \$27,500. This estimate is based on historical costs to DVA to contract with Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) for two studies regarding hardships of veterans discharged from service since 2003. DVA contracted with CCSU in 2008 for \$23,000 and 2010 for \$25,000 to conduct these studies.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above would only be realized in FY 16.

Sources: Central Connecticut State University

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/03/2015)