



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 905

Senate, March 12, 2015

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO STUDY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR THE TREATMENT OF VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES AND POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2015*) The Commissioner of Public
2 Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs,
3 shall conduct a study of the implementation of a program for the
4 treatment of veterans who have traumatic brain injury or post-
5 traumatic stress disorder. The commissioners shall report, in
6 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
7 the findings of such study to the joint standing committee of the
8 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military
9 and veterans' affairs on or before January 1, 2016, including: (1)
10 Recommendations concerning the best peer-reviewed and evidence-
11 based protocols and therapies for traumatic brain injury and post-
12 traumatic stress disorder, including resource facilitation, cognitive
13 rehabilitation and hyperbaric therapy; (2) the types of health care

14 providers necessary for implementation of such program; (3) the
15 estimated number of veterans who have traumatic brain injuries or
16 post-traumatic stress disorder; (4) an analysis of available federal and
17 state funding for such program; and (5) an analysis of the costs of
18 traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder among
19 veterans and the fiscal impact of implementation of the program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to conduct an implementation study of a program for certain veterans in consultation with the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA). It is anticipated that DVA will be able to provide DPH with the recommendations and analyses required under the bill.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

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)