



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 905**

LCO No. 3176



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

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