



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 186

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 338

Senate, March 29, 2022

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. CABRERA of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF MUNICIPAL VETERANS SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Veterans
2 Affairs shall, within available appropriations, conduct a study of
3 veterans services provided by municipalities in this state. Such study
4 shall: (1) Identify municipalities with a local veterans' advisory
5 committee, municipalities with a municipal veterans' representative
6 and municipalities with neither; (2) examine the resources, including,
7 but not limited to, time, financial, technological and human, made
8 available by a municipality to each such committee or representative, as
9 applicable; and (3) compare across all municipalities the level and
10 quality of veterans services provided.

11 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall submit to
12 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
13 cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs, in accordance with
14 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, (1) a report on the

15 findings of any study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
16 section; and (2) recommendations for legislation to address deficiencies
17 or insufficiencies in the provision of veterans services by municipalities
18 in this state.

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

VA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Vet. Affairs, Dept.	GF - Cost	At least \$150,000	

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to conduct a study of municipal veterans' services and make recommendations to address deficiencies or insufficiencies.

The bill results in a cost of at least \$150,000 in FY 23 for the DVA to contract with a third-party entity to complete the study as the agency does not have the adequate staffing or resources necessary to do so.

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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 Substitute

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/15/2022)