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HB-6004

## AN ACT ELIMINATING SERVICE IN TIME OF WAR AS AN ELIGIBILITY CRITERION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS. AMENDMENT

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***Cost***

The amendment will result in a cost to the Department of Social Services (DSS) associated with disregarding any federal benefits for veterans or their surviving spouses for purposes of determining income eligibility. By reducing the income that is currently counted towards income limits, the amendment increases the number of individuals who could be eligible under the following DSS programs: Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Program, State Supplement (Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled), State Administered General Assistance, Temporary Family Assistance, Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, and energy assistance.

For context, there were approximately 150,000 veterans in Connecticut on 9/30/22. The number of veterans participating in the assistance programs specified by the amendment is unknown. The impact of the amendment is dependent on (1) the number of veterans participating in each DSS program, (2) the benefit amount being disregarded, and (3) the income limits of the program

*.Sources: U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Veteran Population Projection*