General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 7124

January Session, 2025

LCO No. **5541**

Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FUNDING OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT NONPROFIT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) There is established an account to be known as the "nonprofit veterans' organizations continuing education account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to fund nonprofit veterans' organizations, including, but not limited to, municipal veterans advisory committees, directors of municipal veterans services and municipal veterans representatives under section 27-135 of the general statutes, that provide mental health assistance or services to veterans, for purposes of continuing education and training initiatives related to suicide prevention, including, but not limited to, "Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) Institute Gatekeeper Training", as defined in section 17a-52a of the general statutes. Not later than August

1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management concerning deposits into and expenditures from the account for the previous fiscal year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2025*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish an account for the funding of suicide prevention education and training at nonprofit veterans' organizations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]