



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6569

House of Representatives, April 5, 2005

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. CARUSO of the 126th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection 27-102n of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Department of
4 Veterans' Affairs. The board shall be comprised of the commissioner
5 and sixteen members who by education or experience shall be
6 qualified in health care, business management, social services or law
7 and who shall have a demonstrated interest in the concerns of
8 veterans. A majority of the members of the board shall be veterans,
9 including veterans of World War II, the Korean hostilities and the
10 Vietnam era. Members shall be appointed as follows: Ten by the
11 Governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and one
12 member each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker

13 of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate and
14 the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority
15 leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
16 Representatives, whose term shall be coterminous with the term of the
17 appointing authority. Members shall be sworn to the faithful
18 performance of their duties. They shall receive no compensation for
19 their services but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in
20 the performance of their duties.

21 (b) The board shall meet at least quarterly and upon the call of the
22 commissioner. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

23 (c) The board shall advise and assist the commissioner in the
24 operation of the Veterans' Home, the veterans' advocacy and assistance
25 unit, the administration, expansion or modification of existing
26 programs and services of the department and the development of new
27 programs and services.

28 (d) The board shall review and approve any regulations prior to
29 adoption by the commissioner concerning: (1) Procedures relating to
30 admission and discharge or transfer of veterans in the home; (2) a per
31 diem fee schedule for programs, services and benefits provided
32 therein; and (3) the participation of eligible family members in
33 programs or services provided by the home.

34 (e) The board shall submit an annual report to the Governor, [and
35 to] the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
36 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and the select
37 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
38 relating to military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the
39 provisions of section 11-4a, on its activities with its recommendations,
40 if any, for improving the delivery of services to veterans and the
41 addition of new programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-102n
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VA *Joint Favorable C/R*

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GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Department of Veterans' Affairs	None	None	None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill's reporting requirement of the Board of Trustees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs will result in no cost to the state.

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6569

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SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Veterans' Affairs Board of Trustees to also submit copies of its annual reports to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, instead of just the governor and Public Safety and Security Committee. The reports describe board activities and make recommendations for adding new programs and improving the delivery of service to veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 20 Nay 0