



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 173**

February Session, 2014

Senate Bill No. 216

*Senate, March 27, 2014*

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. LEONE of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Department of Veterans' Affairs  
2 shall initiate a study to determine what hardships are prevalent among  
3 the state's veterans. The department shall report, in accordance with  
4 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings of  
5 such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
6 having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs on or before  
7 February 1, 2015.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
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**VA**      *Joint Favorable*

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

#### ***State Impact:***

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Vet. Affairs, Dept.	GF - Cost	approximately 27,500	None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

#### ***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to conduct a study to determine hardships among the states veterans, is estimated to cost approximately \$27,500. This estimate is based on historical costs to DVA to contract with Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) for two studies regarding hardships of veterans discharged from service since 2003. DVA contracted with CCSU in 2008 for \$23,000 and 2010 for \$25,000 to conduct these studies.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**SB 216**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/11/2014)