
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7064

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVES.

SUMMARY

Under current law, any city or town that does not have a local veterans' advisory committee (see BACKGROUND) and does not provide funding for a veterans' service officer must designate a city or town employee to serve as a veterans' service contact person. This bill substitutes the term "municipal veterans' representative" for the term "veterans' service contact person," allows volunteers to serve in this position, and subjects them to all the existing training requirements. By law, the Office of Advocacy and Assistance conducts required trainings at least two times per year.

Under the bill, a volunteer designated as the municipal veterans' representative must (1) be a resident of the city or town and (2) be a veteran or have practical experience handling veterans' issues.

The bill also makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Veterans' Advisory Committee

By law, any city or town may establish a local veterans' advisory committee to, among other things:

1. coordinate reemployment, education, rehabilitation, and adjustment to peacetime living for veterans and their dependents;
2. cooperate with all national, state, and local government, and private agencies to secure services and benefits for veterans and

their dependents; and

3. encourage and coordinate vocational training services for veterans (CGS § 27-135(a)).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (02/19/2019)