



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 160

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Senate Bill No. 777

Senate, March 26, 2019

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. MARONEY of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF VETERANS' TAX ABATEMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Veterans
2 Affairs shall conduct a study of tax abatements available to veterans in
3 this state to determine whether the amounts of such abatements
4 should be increased. The commissioner shall report, in accordance
5 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, the findings
6 of such study to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
7 having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs
8 on or before January 1, 2020.

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

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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VA Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Vet. Affairs, Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to \$18,750	None
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	Up to \$7,723	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires a study of veterans' tax abatements and recommendations on whether they should be increased and results in a cost to the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) and the Office of the State Comptroller. As the scope of the study is outside the purview of the agency, the DVA would have to hire a durational project manager for up to 3 months costing up to \$18,750 in salary and up to \$7,723 in fringe benefits depending on how long the study took to complete.

The Out Years

The fiscal impact identified above occurs in FY 20 only.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/12/2019)