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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 19-148—HB 7064**

*Veterans' Affairs Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVES**

**SUMMARY:** Under prior law, any municipality that did not have a local veterans' advisory committee (see BACKGROUND) and did not provide funding for a veterans' service officer was required to designate an employee to serve as a veterans' service contact person. This act 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 existing training requirements.

Under the act, a volunteer designated as a municipal veterans' representative must:

1. be a resident of the municipality;
2. be a veteran or have practical experience handling veterans' issues;
3. be available to veterans in person, by phone, or by email for a minimum number of hours per week as the municipality may establish; and
4. file a monthly performance report with the municipality that includes the names of the veterans assisted, services or referrals provided, and any other information as determined by the municipality.

The act also makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**BACKGROUND**

*Veterans' Advisory Committee*

By law, any municipality 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)).