

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sSB-634

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL VETERANS SERVICES.

## **OFA Fiscal Note**

### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Vet. Affairs, Dept.	GF - Cost	137,000	140,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	60,000	60,000

Note: GF=General Fund

### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE <sup>2</sup> - Potential Cost	Up to 100,000	Up to 100,000

## **Explanation**

The bill: (1) requires municipalities to establish a municipal veterans advisory committee by ordinance, (2) allows municipalities to make funds available for the committee to carry out duties and responsibilities, and (3) requires each municipality to appoint a director of municipal veterans' services.

The bill allows municipalities to jointly carry out the duties of this bill regarding the veterans advisory committee and the director of

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<sup>1</sup> The 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 **42.82%** of payroll in **FY 23**.

<sup>2</sup> State mandate is defined in Sec. 2-32b(2) of the Connecticut General Statutes, "state mandate" means any state initiated constitutional, statutory or executive action that requires a local government to establish, expand or modify its activities in such a way as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues.

municipal veterans' services under a memorandum of agreement. This results in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 24. The extent of these costs is dependent on the structure of each municipal veterans advisory committee and any funds provided by a municipality. Municipalities that do not already have a director of municipal veterans' services will be required to appoint one. This could result in a cost of up to \$100,000 annually.

The bill also requires the Office of Advocacy and Assistance within the Department of Veterans' Affairs to increase the number of Veteran Service Officers from six to eight, which results in a cost of approximately \$137,000 in FY 24 and \$140,000 FY 25 with corresponding fringe benefit costs of approximately \$60,000 in both FY 24 and FY 25.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.