



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1460

PRINTERS NO. 3647

PRIME SPONSOR: Gillen

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 1460, Printer's Number 3647, amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) further providing for educational leave of absence and establishing a new chapter to provide for a Heroic Service Website. This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

**ANALYSIS:** This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs), specifically Section 7313 regarding the educational leave of absence to require educational institutions to place an "M" on the grade transcript of a military member or spouse for all classes that they are unable to complete due to a military leave of absence.

It also inserts new language to add a new Chapter 97 to Title 51 (Military Affairs) entitled Heroic Service Website. It requires the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to provide public access to a searchable database of individuals who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross and the Silver Star, which are awarded for heroic service in the armed forces of the United States.

The searchable database shall include the following information: the recipient's full name; dates of service; name of award or decoration; and the date of award or decoration.

The department shall also issue a report within one year of the bill's effective date detailing the feasibility and cost of expanding the database to include all other military awards or decorations. The report shall include the estimate of costs to the department to establish, administer and maintain this expanded database. All information required under the bill shall be made available on the department's internet website within three months of the bill's effective date.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this bill will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The department estimates that providing access to a searchable website related to military awards and decorations can be covered under its existing operations.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*