

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1086

PRINTER NO. 1303

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund
Local Government Funds

DATE INTRODUCED

May 2, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Takac

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1086 amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to authorize the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (department) to transmit information collected under the veterans registry.

This legislation amends Chapter 7 (Department of Military Affairs) as follows:

- Renames the chapter “Department of Military and Veterans Affairs;”
- Amends section 712 (relating to veterans registry) by adding a subsection to specifically authorize the department to transmit the information to veteran and community outreach partners who participate in community outreach under the PA VETConnect program or any program administered by the department;
- Revises the due date for the annual report on the veterans registry to the General Assembly from January 1 to February 1; and
- Removes language requiring the annual report to include the number of veterans who choose not to be included in the registry from each state agency.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This legislation allows for information collected under the veterans registry to be shared with County Directors of Veterans Affairs to further assist with community outreach services for veterans and their families.

Many of the programs operated through the department are federally funded or supplemented with federal funds. Therefore, any increase in veteran participation in these programs as a result of this legislation would have a de minimis fiscal impact on state and local government funds and would be capable of being accommodated within the department’s current workload and budget.