

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 7510
BILL NUMBER: SB 433

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2025
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veteran service officers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Baldwin
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Pending

Summary of Legislation: Makes changes to the duties of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs commission (commission). Eliminates the requirements relating to a county's appointment of a county service officer or assistant service officer. Requires, on or before July 1, 2027, the department of veterans' affairs (department) to appoint county service officers. Provides that the department may appoint a city service officer at the request of the city. Provides that the director of the department may appoint a county or city service officer with the approval of the county or city executive. Provides that county or city service officers are considered employees of the department. Requires each county or participating city to provide a working location for a service officer. Requires each county or participating city to enter into a service agreement with the department to pay the salaries of service officers. Requires the department to establish certain key performance indicators to monitor performance of regional and assistant regional service officers. Establishes notification requirements for a state, county, or if applicable, city service officer who commits a substantial error or fails to timely submit a veteran's claim. Provides that all state, county, or city service officers shall annually undergo one or more courses of training approved by the commission to adequately address problems of discharged veterans in the service officer's region or city. (Current law provides that all state, county, or city service officers shall annually undergo a course of training to adequately address problems of discharged veterans in the service officer's county or city.) Expires a provision relating to the appointment of county or city service officers by the county or city.

Effective Date: July 1, 2025.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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