



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 995

PRINTERS NO. 1011

PRIME SPONSOR: Kauffer

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 995, Printer's Number 1011, establishes the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program to provide veterans and family members additional services when transitioning from military service to civilian life.

ANALYSIS: This bill amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to establish a new section creating the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program. The purpose of the program is to create a network of participants that would work to "improve the health and well-being of veterans and the families of veterans" and "provide proactive solutions to address the problems faced by veterans when transitioning from military service to civilian life." The list of network participants listed in the bill that may be included are: State agencies, county directors of veterans' affairs, veterans service organizations, the healthcare provider community and nonprofit organizations.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) shall develop the program and the related requirements and information that will be clearly communicated to the network partners. DMVA shall:

1. coordinate with network participants and other parties that provide programs and services to veterans and their families;
2. provide a "Welcome Home to Pennsylvania Packet" to participating veterans and families;
3. provide information regarding programs, resources, training opportunities, veteran service organizations and services available to veterans for outreach and support;
4. coordinate with county directors of veterans' affairs by providing information of veterans who request support through the veterans' registry; and
5. utilize the address found on the veteran's DD214 forwarded to the department by the US Department of Defense to contact the veteran to send out the welcome packet to participate and join the Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program.

This legislation would take effect in 60 days upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. While the bill would create a new Veterans' Outreach and Support Network Program, any additional costs to DMVA would be covered under existing operations and current programs managed by the agency.

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