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Introduced by Representatives Grad of Moretown, Page of Newport City,
Strong of Albany, and Troiano of Stannard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; veterans affairs; benefit programs; intake forms

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that
intake forms used by the Departments for Children and Families; of Vermont
Health Access; and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living seek
information as to whether an applicant or family member has ever served in
the U.S. Armed Forces.

An act relating to veteran status inquiries on program and service intake
forms

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

~~*** Department for Children and Families ***~~

Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 117 is added to read:

§ 117. INTAKE FORMS; VETERAN STATUS

All intake forms used by the Department for Children and Families to
determine program or service eligibility shall seek information as to whether
the applicant or a member of the applicant's family has ever served in the U.S.

1 ~~Armed Forces.~~

2 ~~*** Department of Vermont Health Access ***~~

3 Sec. 2. 33 V.S.A. § 405 is added to read:

4 § 405. INTAKE FORMS; VETERAN STATUS

5 All intake forms used by the Department of Vermont Health Access to
6 determine program or service eligibility shall seek information as to whether
7 the applicant or a member of the applicant's family has ever served in the U.S.
8 Armed Forces.

9 ~~*** Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living ***~~

10 Sec. 3. 33 V.S.A. § 506 is added to read:

11 § 506. INTAKE FORMS; VETERAN STATUS

12 All intake forms used by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and
13 Independent Living to determine program or service eligibility shall seek
14 information as to whether the applicant or a member of the applicant's family
15 has ever served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

16 ~~*** Effective Date ***~~

17 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.~~

*Sec. 1. REPORT; VETERAN STATUS INQUIRIES ON PROGRAM AND
SERVICE INTAKE FORMS*

*On or before January 15, 2021, the Agency of Human Services shall submit
a report to the House Committees on General, Housing, and Military Affairs,
on Human Services, and on Health Care and to the Senate Committees on*

Government Operations and on Health and Welfare regarding the status of the Agency's efforts to include on its program and service intake forms an inquiry as to applicants' veteran status on or before July 1, 2021, including specifically intake forms used by the Departments for Children and Families, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, and of Vermont Health Access. The report shall include cost estimates related to including an inquiry as to applicants' veteran status on relevant intake forms and indicate whether any legislation is necessary to implement the inclusion of an inquiry as to applicants' veteran status on relevant intake forms.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.