

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2025 General Assembly Session**  
**State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**Bill Number:** HB2071S1

**Patron:** Thomas

**Bill Title:** Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties of Commissioner; identification of incarcerated veterans.

**Bill Summary:** Requires the Department of Veterans Services to convene a work group to determine the most effective programmatic structure to assist the Department of Corrections, sheriffs, and local and regional jails in utilizing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system, with the goal of (i) identifying veterans incarcerated in state prisons and local and regional jails; (ii) helping such veterans prepare for release or reentry; (iii) reducing the rates of recidivism and homelessness; (iv) connecting such veterans to resources to address challenges of post-traumatic stress disorder; and (v) diverting eligible veterans to treatment dockets. The proposal directs the work group to report its findings to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Explanation:** Not applicable

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no anticipated fiscal impact state agencies will not be able to absorb.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The proposal requires the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to convene a work group to determine the most effective programmatic structure to assist the Department of Corrections, sheriffs, and local and regional jails in utilizing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Re-Entry Search Services system. The agency does not anticipate a meaningful fiscal impact as a result of this requirement. The Compensation Board and the Department of Corrections do not expect a fiscal impact as a result of this workgroup requirement.

**Other:** None