

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB354

Patron: Thomas

Bill Title: Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services; powers and duties; online portal.

Bill Summary: Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to develop and maintain an online portal to connect veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, and Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves who qualify for veteran status, and their immediate family members, to available resources, programs, and services in the Commonwealth and provide a means to submit electronic applications for such resources, programs, and services. The bill requires the online portal to collect, maintain, use, disseminate, and safeguard personal information in compliance with state and federal law.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

Fiscal Analysis: The proposal requires the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to develop and maintain an online portal to connect veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, and Virginia residents in the Armed Forces Reserves who qualify for veteran status, and their immediate family members, to available resources, programs, and services in the Commonwealth and provide a means to submit electronic applications for such resources, programs, and services.

The agency currently operates the Virginia Veterans Network (VVN) portal which meets the requirements of this bill. According to DVS, the agency has funding within its base budget to maintain the existing portal.

Other: None.