

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB529ER

Patron: Thornton

Bill Title: Suicide Prevention Coordinator; deaths by suicide of veterans or military service members; State Registrar of Vital Records; Department of Veterans Services annual report.

Bill Summary: Amends the Suicide Prevention Program and adds the following to such duties: (i) compile and analyze data relating to the suicides of veterans and military service members pursuant to death certificates filed with the State Registrar of Vital Records, with such data to be included in the Department's annual report and (ii) collaborate with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to develop programs and resources related to suicide prevention for veterans and military service members.

The bill provides that in any case where the death certificate of a veteran or military service member lists suicide as the manner of death, the State Registrar of Vital Records shall provide such information concerning the suicide to the Department.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: None

Explanation: Not applicable

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact on the state as a result of this proposal.

Fiscal Analysis: The Department of Veterans Services (DVS) indicated that existing programs and funding could be utilized to meet the intent and requirements of this proposal.

The Department of Health (VDH) and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) do not anticipate a fiscal impact as a result of this proposal.

Other: None.