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HOUSE BILL NO. 514

Offered January 14, 2026

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.7, relating to Department of Veterans Services; benefit awareness and access; program.

Patrons—Martinez and Thornton

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.7 as follows:

§ 2.2-2001.7. Benefit awareness and access; program.

A. The Department, in collaboration with relevant agencies of the Commonwealth, localities, and service providers, shall develop a comprehensive outreach program for military service members transitioning from military to civilian life, veterans, members of the Virginia National Guard, residents of the Commonwealth in the Armed Forces Reserves, and their family members. The purpose of such program is to ensure such individuals are aware of and can easily access federal, state, and local benefits and other programs and services available to them.

B. The Commissioner shall include the outcomes of the program in the annual report submitted to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Governor, and the General Assembly pursuant to § 2.2-2004. The report shall include outreach initiatives facilitated pursuant to the program and the outcomes of such initiatives.

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