



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 490 of the 129th G.A.](#)

Date: May 1, 2012

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Reps. Dovilla and Landis

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Veterans services

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND

FY 2013 – FUTURE YEARS

General Revenue Fund (Department of Veterans Services)

Revenues

- 0 -

Expenditures

Potential decrease in annual publication expenses

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2013 is July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013.

- The bill removes from existing law the requirement that the Director of Veterans Services publish and distribute a listing of veterans service directors and officers in Ohio and elsewhere and their contact information. The bill requires that the list be published electronically. The change to the publication requirement could decrease costs for the Department of Veterans Services, specifically those associated with the printing and distribution of documents. No other provisions of the bill will have a direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Records of discharge

The bill requires a county recorder's office to make a veteran's record of discharge available to a county veterans service officer who is certified by the Department of Veterans Services and who specifies that the record is needed for the purpose of supporting a veteran's claim for benefits.

Indirectly, this provision may make it easier for county veterans service officers to process benefit claims for veterans, thus creating administrative efficiencies. Under current law, the individual seeking benefits may request the record and then forward it to the county veterans service officer. County recorders would not experience any increase in workload since these records would be requested, if available, by others who are already permitted to make such requests (i.e. the veteran or the veteran's survivors).

Listing of veterans service directors

The bill removes from existing law the requirement that the Director of Veterans Services publish and distribute a listing of veterans service directors and officers in Ohio and elsewhere and their contact information, and requires the Director of Veterans Services to publish electronically a listing of county veterans service offices and commissioners. This change to the publication requirement could decrease costs for the Department of Veterans Services, specifically those associated with the printing and distribution of documents.

Veterans Advisory Committee

The bill adds a member of the National Guard Association of the United States who is an Ohio resident to the Veterans Advisory Committee. This provision would have no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions.

In-state tuition for veterans' dependents

The bill clarifies that nonresident spouses and dependents of veterans who died after military discharge still may qualify for in-state tuition. Since the change is clarifying in nature, this provision would have no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions.

State Commissioner of Soldiers' Claims

The bill removes an obsolete reference to the State Commissioner of Soldiers' Claims, a position that no longer exists, from a law that requires various state officers, commissions, boards, and other entities to make an annual report. This provision would have no direct fiscal effect on the state or its political subdivisions.