



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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 Provides relative to the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program

Current law provides for the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program. Proposed law requires the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) to confer with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) to adopt regulations implementing the program; adds certain individuals to the class of persons considered "veterans"; creates the Veterans Oversight Committee to provide guidance and supervision to the program; changes certain requirements for program participants, including allowing offenders convicted of violent crimes or sex offenses to participate, lowering the minimum age from 40 to 30 years, and requiring the DA of the convicting jurisdiction to consent to the offender's participation in the program if he is serving a life sentence; provides that if an offender is serving a life sentence, after 5 years in the program, he will be granted a pardon hearing by the Committee on Pardons; provides that if an offender is granted parole and then his parole is revoked, he is then ineligible to participate in the program a second time; provides that offenders may be subject to electronic monitoring; provides that no offender is guaranteed acceptance into the program solely based on his veteran status; authorizes both agencies to create a pilot program to determine the success of the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program; requires the program to run at least 3 years; requires a semi-annual report to be submitted each year the pilot program operates.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase of \$95,441 in SGF expenditures in FY 27 in the Department of Veterans Affairs for salaries and related benefits of one T.O. (Program Manager) to create a pilot program to determine the success of the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program, confer with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services in adopting regulations for its implementation, and submitting semi-annual reports to the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. The associated salaries and related benefits for the one T.O. position are as follows:

Program Manager	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Salaries	\$63,327	\$65,227	\$ 67,182	\$ 69,198	\$ 71,274
Related Benefits	\$32,114	\$33,078	\$ 34,073	\$ 35,095	\$ 36,148
Total	\$95,441	\$98,305	\$101,255	\$104,293	\$107,422

The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) cannot independently corroborate the need for an additional T.O. position within the Department of Veterans Affairs for creating a pilot program to determine the success of the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program, conferring with the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services in adopting regulations for its implementation, and submitting semi-annual reports to the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs. To the extent implementation may be achieved through existing staff, realized costs may be less than reported. To the extent that the increase in workload differs from what is anticipated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and existing staff are able to manage the increase, estimated expenditures may be lower than those provided in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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