

HB5567



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB5567

by Rep. Lindsey LaPointe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/2.14 new

Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to create a mental health pilot program to provide supportive services to active duty service members, veterans, and their families. Contains requirements for the pilot program. Requires the Department to provide follow-up interviews with families who participate in the pilot program to determine the effectiveness of services and classes offered under the pilot program. Provides that the Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement the pilot program.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 2.14 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/2.14 new)

7 Sec. 2.14. Mental health pilot program. The Department
8 shall create a mental health pilot program to provide
9 supportive services to active duty service members, veterans,
10 and their families. The pilot program shall offer informational
11 services and counseling to families on how best to support
12 service members during their deployment and upon their reentry
13 to civilian life. The pilot program shall also provide a
14 general education course to family members on how to help
15 service members and veterans adjust to the physical and mental
16 challenges they might face after returning home from active
17 duty. The Department shall provide follow-up interviews with
18 families who participate in the pilot program to determine the
19 effectiveness of services and classes offered under the pilot
20 program. The Department may adopt any rules necessary to
21 implement the pilot program.