

SB3169



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/12/2022, by Sen. Sue Rezin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/39 new

Amends the Department of Veterans' Affairs Act. Requires the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Veterans' Affairs's and the Department of Public Health's management of the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak at the LaSalle Veterans' Home. Provides that the performance audit shall include specified determinations. Provides that the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Public Health, and any other State agency or other entity or person that may have information relevant to the audit shall cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General in the audit. Requires the Auditor General to commence the audit as soon as practical and report the findings and recommendations upon completion in accordance with the Illinois State Auditing Act. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2024. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning veterans.

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 39 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/39 new)

7 Sec. 39. Department audit.

8 (a) The Auditor General shall conduct a performance audit
9 of the Department's and the Department of Public Health's
10 management of the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak at the LaSalle
11 Veterans' Home. The performance audit shall include, but shall
12 not be limited to, the following determinations:

13 (1) The responses of the Department and the Department
14 of Public Health to the outbreak of COVID-19 in November
15 and December of 2020.

16 (2) The type, cost, and timing of any infrastructure
17 or other building improvements intended to contain the
18 further spread of COVID-19.

19 (3) The nature of changes made by the Department and
20 the Department of Public Health in operating protocols and
21 staff training thereon intended to contain the further
22 spread of COVID-19 or prevent its reoccurrence.

23 (4) The nature and extent of monitoring conducted by

1 the Department and the Department of Public Health to
2 determine whether the improvements and protocols put in
3 place are effective to ensure the safety of residents and
4 staff at the LaSalle Veterans' Home.

5 (5) The amount of State money received and expended by
6 the Department, the Department of Public Health, or any
7 other State agency during State fiscal year 2021 for any
8 improvements, monitoring, or other measures taken to
9 address the COVID-19 pandemic at the LaSalle Veterans'
10 Home.

11 (b) The Department, the Department of Public Health, and
12 any other State agency or other entity or person that may have
13 information relevant to the audit under subsection (a) shall
14 cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General in the
15 audit. The Auditor General shall commence this audit as soon
16 as practical and report the findings and recommendations upon
17 completion in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois
18 State Auditing Act.

19 (c) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2024.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.