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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Local Administration &
 2 Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 3 Representative Diamond offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
 7 Section 1. Section 292.115, Florida Statutes, is created
 8 to read:

9 292.115 Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot
 10 Program.—

11 (1) The department shall establish the Veteran Suicide
 12 Prevention Training Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot
 13 program is to offer to each department claims examiner and to
 14 each county and city veteran service officer specialized
 15 training and certification in the prevention of veteran suicide.

16 (2) Persons who choose to participate in the pilot program

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17 must be trained to identify indicators of elevated suicide risk
18 and provide emergency crisis referral for veterans who are
19 expressing or exhibiting symptoms of emotional or psychological
20 distress. The department shall contract with an organization
21 with proven experience in developing and implementing veteran-
22 relevant, evidence-based suicide prevention training to develop
23 the curriculum for training under the pilot program. The
24 department shall establish and oversee the process for
25 administering such training and certifying those participants
26 who successfully complete such training.

27 (3) Pursuant to its rulemaking authority under s.
28 292.05(3), the department may adopt rules necessary to implement
29 the pilot program.

30 (4) The department shall submit a report to the President
31 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by
32 June 30 of each year which includes information concerning the
33 pilot program and whether any changes should be made to the
34 pilot program which would increase its effectiveness. In its
35 report submitted by June 30, 2026, the department shall include
36 a recommendation of whether the pilot program should be
37 continued.

38 Section 2. The sum of \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds is
39 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of
40 Veterans' Affairs for the purpose of implementing this act.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

An act relating to veteran suicide prevention training; creating s. 292.115, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish the pilot program; providing the purpose of the pilot program; requiring pilot program participants to receive certain training; requiring the department to contract with a certain organization to develop the curriculum for such training; requiring the department to oversee the process for administering training and certifying participants; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring an annual report to the Legislature; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.