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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/29/2023	.	
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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 27 - 50
and insert:
provide indigent veterans in underserved and critical need areas the opportunity to access routine dental care after they conclude their service protecting this country's freedom.

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

(b) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in s. 1.01(14). The



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11 term includes all members of the Florida National Guard and
12 United States Reserve Forces who were discharged or released
13 under honorable conditions only, or who later received an
14 upgraded discharge under honorable conditions.

15 (3) The Veterans Dental Care Grant Program is established
16 within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The purpose of the
17 program is to provide oral health care to indigent veterans who
18 reside in underserved and critical need areas of this state.

19 (4) (a) The department shall contract with a statewide
20 direct-support organization to administer the Veterans Dental
21 Care Grant Program. The statewide direct-support organization
22 must have proven experience developing and implementing veteran-
23 relevant programs, including dental service programs. The
24 organization is responsible for distributing grants to eligible
25 nonprofits that have experience in providing dental care to
26 veterans.

27 (b) The department shall use the standard for determining
28 indigency provided by the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines
29 produced by the United States Department of Health and Human
30 Services.

31 (5) The department shall define by rule the terms "indigent
32 veteran" and "underserved and critical need area" and shall
33 adopt rules to administer the program.

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36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Delete lines 2 - 8

38 and insert:

39 An act relating to dental services for indigent



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40 veterans; creating s. 295.157, F.S.; providing
41 legislative findings and intent; defining terms;
42 establishing the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program
43 within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; specifying
44 the purpose of the program; requiring the department
45 to contract with a direct-support organization to
46 administer the program; requiring the department to
47 use a specified standard for determining indigency;