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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/12/2025	.	
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The Committee on Rules (Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 94 - 136
and insert:

(b) The report must also describe The actions taken by the department in implementing subsections (4), (5), ~~and (7)~~, and (8) and includes ~~include~~ other information and recommendations as the department determines are necessary to provide information on its annual activities ~~requires~~.

(c) ~~(b)~~ The current status of the department's domiciliary and nursing homes established pursuant to chapter 296, including



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all receipts and expenditures, the condition of the homes, the number of residents received and discharged during the preceding year, occupancy rates, staffing, and any other information necessary to provide an understanding of the management, conduct, and operation of the homes.

(d) For the report due on December 31, 2025, an evaluation by the department among veterans in this state on the level of health literacy and any recommendations to increase veteran knowledge of available programs and services and maximize their use of such resources.

(8) The department shall ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States Department of Defense to directly engage all servicemembers returning home to, or electing to remain in or move to, this state following their service and during re-entry into civilian life, including connecting them with Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., and other relevant resources. The department may engage county and city veteran service officers for assistance with fulfilling this duty.

Section 3. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 292.115, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

292.115 Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program.—

(1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to offer to each Department of Veterans' Affairs claims examiner and each county and city veteran service officer, as described in s. 292.11, specialized mental health training and certification in the prevention of veteran suicide.

(2) Individuals electing to participate in the pilot



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41 program must be trained to identify indicators of mental health
42 conditions and elevated suicide risk and provide emergency
43 crisis referrals for veterans expressing or exhibiting symptoms
44 of emotional or psychological distress. The Department of
45 Veterans' Affairs shall contract with an organization having
46 proven experience developing and implementing veteran-relevant
47 and evidence-based mental health assistance and suicide
48 prevention training to

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

51 And the title is amended as follows:

52 Delete lines 31 - 34

53 and insert:

54 mental health conditions; requiring the department to
55 contract with an organization developing and
56 implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based
57 mental health assistance; amending s. 295.124, F.S.;