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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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

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

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

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

33 292.115 Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program.—

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

40 (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.;