

**The Florida Senate**  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: SB 1594, Engrossed 1  
INTRODUCER: Senator Gaetz  
SUBJECT: Veteran Benefit Payments to Minor Clients  
DATE: March 9, 2026

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 769955** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 769955** deletes the Senate Bill’s language and inserts the language of CS/HB 1327. This requires the DCF to hold U.S. Veterans Affairs benefits on behalf of a minor client until they attain 18 years of age, at which point the DCF must transfer all VA benefits to the client.

The amendment prohibits the DCF from using the VA benefits to reimburse the state for the cost of caring for the minor.