



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7124**

LCO No. 5541



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ACCOUNT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR THE FUNDING OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING AT NONPROFIT VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) There is established an  
2 account to be known as the "nonprofit veterans' organizations  
3 continuing education account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing  
4 account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys  
5 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account  
6 shall be expended by the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to fund  
7 nonprofit veterans' organizations, including, but not limited to,  
8 municipal veterans advisory committees, directors of municipal  
9 veterans services and municipal veterans representatives under section  
10 27-135 of the general statutes, that provide mental health assistance or  
11 services to veterans, for purposes of continuing education and training  
12 initiatives related to suicide prevention, including, but not limited to,  
13 "Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR) Institute Gatekeeper Training", as  
14 defined in section 17a-52a of the general statutes. Not later than August

15 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs  
16 shall submit a report to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
17 Management concerning deposits into and expenditures from the  
18 account for the previous fiscal year.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1                                                                     | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**  
To establish an account for the funding of suicide prevention education and training at nonprofit veterans' organizations.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*