



January 28, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to provide training in mental health crisis management to employees who directly interact with veterans. Authorizes DVS to utilize resources from veterans groups to provide training.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,700/One-Time  
\$88,800/Recurring

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013103):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires DVS to provide training in suicide prevention to employees who directly interact with veterans. Authorizes DVS to utilize resources from nonprofit organizations to provide training.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under the provisions of this legislation, DVS is authorized to utilize resources from nonprofit organizations to provide the required training.
- There are a multitude of nonprofit organizations, including the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network, the Jason Foundation, and Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, that offer either in-person or online training in recognizing warning signs of a potential suicide at no cost.
- Many of the training courses offered require between one hour and two business days to complete.
- It is estimated that the 105 employees of DVS required to complete the training under this legislation can do so within existing work hours and utilizing existing resources.
- There will not be a significant impact to state expenditures as a result of this legislation.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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