FISCAL NOTE

HB 2195 - SB 2557

February 28, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) to provide burial services for any person who died while on active duty with the armed forces and is being interred in a State Veterans Cemetery on any date requested by the family members, if given at least 72 hours notice.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The precise impact is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined; however, each burial that takes place outside of normal operating hours is reasonably estimated to increase state expenditures by an amount exceeding $500.

Assumptions:

- There are four Tennessee State Veterans Cemeteries: East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, and Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads.
- This legislation is not expected to significantly alter the total number of burials, but the timing thereof.
- An equipment operator, three caretakers, and a cemetery director must be available at every burial.
- DVS is not currently staffed to support burials on state or federal holidays or outside of normal operating hours. Normal operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- In order to be prepared to provide burial services on any date with 72 hours notice, certain DVS employees may be required to work hours outside their normal schedule including overtime hours to cover any burials requested for a weekend date and/or holidays.
- The precise impact is dependent on multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined; however, each burial that takes place outside of normal operating hours is reasonably estimated to increase state expenditures by an amount exceeding $500.

CERTIFICATION:

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

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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