

# Senate File 254 - Introduced

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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1005)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the preparation of a report by the department of  
2 veterans affairs relating to the activities of county  
3 commissions of veteran affairs.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 15. Annually, by June 30, prepare and  
1 4 submit a report to the governor and the general assembly  
1 5 relating to county commissions of veteran affairs. Copies of  
1 6 the report shall also be provided to each county board of  
1 7 supervisors and to each county commission of veteran affairs  
1 8 by electronic means. Pursuant to section 35B.11, the  
1 9 department may request any information necessary to prepare  
1 10 the report from each county commission of veteran affairs.  
1 11 The report shall include all of the following:  
1 12 a. Information related to compliance with the training  
1 13 requirements under section 35B.6 during the previous calendar  
1 14 year.  
1 15 b. The weekly operating schedule of each county commission  
1 16 of veteran affairs office maintained under section 35B.6.  
1 17 c. The number of hours of veterans' services provided by  
1 18 each county commission of veteran affairs executive director  
1 19 or administrator during the previous calendar year.  
1 20 d. Population of each county, including the number of  
1 21 veterans residing in each county.  
1 22 e. The total amount of compensation, disability benefits,  
1 23 or pensions received by the residents of each county under  
1 24 laws administered by the United States department of veterans  
1 25 affairs.  
1 26 f. An analysis of the information contained in paragraphs  
1 27 "a" through "e", including an analysis of such information for  
1 28 previous years.

### EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill requires the department of veterans affairs to  
1 31 prepare and submit a report to the governor and the general  
1 32 assembly by June 30 relating to certain activities of county  
1 33 commissions of veteran affairs. The bill requires the report  
1 34 to include information related to compliance with the training  
1 35 required under Code section 35B.6, the operating schedule of  
2 1 each county commission of veteran affairs office, the number  
2 2 of hours of veterans' services provided by each county  
2 3 executive director or administrator, county population  
2 4 information, including the number of veterans residing in each  
2 5 county, and the total amount of compensation, disability  
2 6 benefits, or pensions received by the residents of each county  
2 7 under laws administered by the United States department of  
2 8 veterans affairs. The bill also requires the report to  
2 9 include an analysis of the information reported, including  
2 10 analysis of such information for previous years. The bill  
2 11 specifies that the department may request information that is  
2 12 necessary for preparation of the report from each county  
2 13 commission of veteran affairs pursuant to Code section 35B.11.  
2 14 The report required under the bill includes information

2 15 resulting from Code provisions that were amended by 2008 Iowa  
2 16 Acts, chapter 1130. 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1130 takes effect  
2 17 generally on July 1, 2009.  
2 18 LSB 1280SV 83  
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