

Senate Study Bill 1048 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to county commissions of veteran affairs.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35A.5, subsection 14, paragraphs a and c,
2 Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

3 a. Information related to compliance with the training
4 requirements under section 35B.6 during the previous ~~calendar~~
5 fiscal year.

6 c. The number of hours of veterans' services provided by
7 each county commission of veteran affairs executive director or
8 administrator during the previous ~~calendar~~ fiscal year.

9 Sec. 2. Section 35B.6, subsection 1, paragraph c,
10 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2025, are amended to read as
11 follows:

12 (1) Upon the employment of an executive director or
13 administrator, the executive director or administrator shall
14 complete a course for the purpose of obtaining certification
15 as directed by the commandant of the Iowa department of
16 veterans affairs, training as federally required for the
17 person's position, and a personal identification verification
18 card necessary to access the veterans benefits management system.
19 If an executive director or administrator fails to obtain
20 certification or a personal identification verification card
21 within one year of being employed, the executive director or
22 administrator shall be removed from office. Upon a request from
23 a county commission of veteran affairs and based on extenuating
24 circumstances, the commandant of the Iowa department of veterans
25 affairs may extend the time frame for an executive director or
26 administrator to obtain a personal identification verification
27 card.

28 (2) An executive director or administrator shall satisfy the
29 continuing education requirements established by the ~~national~~
30 ~~association of county veterans service officers~~ commandant of
31 the Iowa department of veterans affairs and the United States
32 department of veterans affairs. Failure of an executive director
33 or administrator to maintain certification shall be cause for
34 removal from office. The expenses of training the executive
35 director or administrator shall be paid from the appropriation

1 authorized in section 35B.14.

2 EXPLANATION

3 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
4 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

5 Under current law, the Iowa department of veterans affairs
6 is required to submit an annual report to the governor and the
7 general assembly including the county commissions of veteran
8 affairs' training compliance and hours of veterans' services
9 provided during the previous calendar year. This bill requires
10 the information in the report to be from the previous fiscal
11 year.

12 The bill also requires an executive director or administrator
13 of a county commission of veteran affairs to meet continuing
14 education requirements established by the commandant of the
15 Iowa department of veterans affairs and removes the requirement
16 that an executive director or administrator meet the continuing
17 education requirements of the national association of county
18 veterans service officers.