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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Veterans & Public Safety

Primary Sponsor: Sen. O'Brien

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill requires certain entities to inform a veteran or the veteran's representative about available benefits and the organizations that are available for assistance in applying for these benefits. There may be minimal costs to applicable state or local government entities to provide this information.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires certain entities to inform a veteran or the veteran's representative about health care or financial benefits that are available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and information about congressionally chartered veteran's service organizations or the county veteran's service office that can assist the veteran with investigating and applying for benefits through the Department. The bill requires this information to be provided to a veteran or the veteran's representative in certain situations. State or local government entities that are required to provide this information could realize a minimal increase in administrative costs. However, it is possible that some of these entities may currently provide at least some of this information in certain situations. There may also be indirect impacts. For instance, county veteran's service offices might need to process additional benefit applications if this provision leads to more individuals seeking out their assistance. Additionally, this provision could reduce some state or local program costs if individuals receive federal services from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and these services pay a portion of the individual's care.