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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Rules and Reference

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, spouse, or surviving spouse, or the veteran's representative about available benefits and the organizations that are available for assistance in applying for these benefits. In addition, the Medicaid Director is required to provide veterans who submit Medicaid applications with specified information. 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 spouse, surviving spouse, or representative of the veteran 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 veterans service office that can assist with investigating and applying for benefits through the Department. The bill requires this information to be provided to a veteran, spouse, surviving spouse, or representative of the veteran in certain situations. In addition, the bill also requires the Medicaid Director to provide to a veteran who has submitted an application for the Medicaid Program information about the county veterans service office that can assist with investigating and applying for benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. State or local government entities that are required to provide the abovementioned information, including the Ohio Department of Medicaid, 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.

The bill's provisions may also result in some indirect impacts. For instance, county veterans 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.