

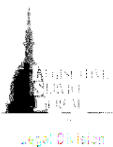
# HOUSE BILL NO. 5226

November 07, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Bolden, Hood, Manoogian, Ellison, Sabo, Hope, Lasinski, Tate, Anthony, Stone, Shannon, Haadsma, Coleman, Brixie, Kennedy, Sneller, Koleszar, Pohutsky, Tyrone Carter, Yancey, Hammoud, Wittenberg and Jones and referred to the Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1965 PA 380, entitled  
"Executive organization act of 1965,"  
(MCL 16.101 to 16.608) by adding section 130.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 130. (1) The department shall partner with the department  
2 of health and human services to establish a joint advisory  
3 committee that will develop and implement the initiative described



1 in subsection (2). Committee formation and membership must be  
2 jointly determined by the department and the department of health  
3 and human services.

4 (2) The committee shall develop and implement a joint  
5 initiative to increase awareness among the veterans and family  
6 members of veterans of this state of the programs and benefits for  
7 which they may be eligible as veterans and family members of  
8 veterans. All of the following apply to the initiative described in  
9 this subsection:

10 (a) The initiative must have the title, "Ask the Question".

11 (b) The object of the initiative is to encourage public and  
12 private agencies and organizations in the provider sector,  
13 including, but not limited to, health care, social services, and  
14 education, to ask the members of the populations they serve at the  
15 point of contact, "Have you or a member of your family served in  
16 the military?".

17 (c) If an individual answers the question in subdivision (b)  
18 affirmatively, the committee shall encourage the agency or  
19 organization described in subdivision (b) to provide the individual  
20 with verbal guidance and printed information, developed and  
21 distributed by the committee, regarding state and federal programs  
22 or benefits that may be available to the individual as a veteran,  
23 or as a family member of a veteran, including general information  
24 regarding how and where to apply for or participate in those  
25 programs or benefits.

26 (d) The committee shall provide advice and guidance to the  
27 agencies and organizations described in subdivision (b) regarding  
28 best practices for directing a veteran, or a family member of a  
29 veteran, to a specific veterans' program or benefit that may be of



1 assistance to the veteran, or the family member of a veteran, in  
2 regard to his or her specific need.

3 (3) The printed information distributed under subsection  
4 (2)(c) must include a conspicuously placed disclaimer stating that  
5 the provision of guidance or information regarding veterans'  
6 programs and benefits that may be available to the individual  
7 receiving that guidance or information is for informational  
8 purposes only and is not an indication or determination of  
9 eligibility for those programs or benefits.

10 (4) The department may share with the department of health and  
11 human services information in its possession that is related to the  
12 needs of veterans and family members of veterans if necessary to  
13 facilitate the initiative described in this section, unless sharing  
14 that information is a violation of a state or federal law  
15 concerning privacy.

16 (5) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Committee" means the joint advisory committee established  
18 under subsection (1).

19 (b) "Department" means the department of military and veterans  
20 affairs.

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
22 unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 5227 (request no.  
23 04811'19) of the 100th Legislature is enacted into law.

