

Legislative Analysis



VETERANS FACILITY REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

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House Bill 5639 (passed by the House as H-3)

Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes

Committee: Oversight and Ethics

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(Public Act 314 of 2016)

REVISED SUMMARY:

The bill would require quarterly reports to the legislature on the State Veterans Facility by state Veterans Affairs officials.

No later than January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, its successor agency, or the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs would have to report in writing all of the following information concerning any state veterans facility to the governor, the Senate and House committees on veterans affairs and the Senate, and the House Appropriations subcommittees for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:

- Staffing levels and the extent to which staffing levels do or do not meet industry standards.
- Number of patient complaints, average time to review a complaint and respond, and response to each complaint.
- Timeliness of distribution of pharmaceutical drugs.
- Security provided for pharmaceutical drugs in the facility, including the title of the individuals providing the security.
- How patient money is accounted for, including the name and title of the individual who supervises patient spending accounts.
- Number of facility resident deaths that occurred since the most recent report.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill would have a nominal fiscal impact on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs resulting from the requirement to compile and report the requested information.

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