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| SPONSORS: | Rep. Allard, Merr. 21; Rep. Roy, Rock. 32; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6 |
| COMMITTEE: | State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs |

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III. Advocate for federal and state funding to target system changes to improve services.

32 IV. Ensure cost efficiency through decreased overlap, service redundancy and increased 33 service fidelity.

34 V. Co-develop and provide oversight for New Hampshire's care coordination, including 35 services and supports addressing substance misuse, homelessness, suicide prevention, mental 36 health, sexual military trauma, unemployment, domestic violence, education, and legal support.

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VI. Authorize, evaluate, and monitor the administration of federal and state grants.

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1 VII. Initiate and facilitate state planning processes to improve access, navigation, and 2 coordination of military-civilian services and support.

- 3 VIII. Compile and analyze program statistics and metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the system of care, initiatives and special projects, including the efforts of legislative, statewide, and 4 5 community coalitions across the state.
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6 New Section; Division of Community Based Military Programs; Director; Salary. Amend RSA 7 110-B by inserting after section 110-B:88 the following new section:

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110-B:88-a Division of Community Based Military Programs; Director; Salary.

9 I. The salary of the director of the division of community based military programs shall be 10 determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for the position which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon 11 12 completion of this action and appointment of the director of the state division of community based 13 military programs, position number 41032 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of this 14 classified position with its available appropriations into the un classified position of director of the 15division of community based military programs. Funding shall be transferred into a new 16 expenditure class number 011, within accounting unit 02-12-12-121010-1015. The incumbent in the 17 abolished classified position shall be offered the opportunity to seek the adjutant general's 18 nomination for the unclassified position of director of the division of community based military 19 programs.

20 Π . The amendment to RSA 110-B-74 shall take effect upon the abolition of position number $\mathbf{21}$ 41032 under paragraph I, as certified by the commissioner of administrative services to the secretary $\mathbf{22}$ of state and the director of legislative services.

23 7 State Regenerative Manufacturing Workforce Development Fund; Appropriation. The sum of 24 \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is hereby appropriated to the state regenerative 25 manufacturing workforce development fund established in RSA 162-T:3. This appropriation shall be 26 nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the 27 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

8 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance 28 29 Services. The department of health and human services shall increase the Medicaid reimbursement 30 rate for ambulance services to be equal to 50 percent of the Medicare rate or ambulance services 31 based on the rate in effect as of June 30, 2022.

32 9 Appropriation; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services. The sum of \$868,264 33 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and 34 human services to implement Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for ambulance services. The 35 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not 36 otherwise appropriated. Notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, VI, in addition to the amounts appropriated 37 in this section, the department of health and human services may accept and expend any matching

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- 1 federal funds available for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee
- 2 of the general court.
- 3 10 Effective Date.
- 4 I. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
- 5 II. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.
- 6 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

LBA` 22-2302 Amended 5/2/22

HB 1256-FN- FISCAL NOTE

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENTS #2022-1663s and #2022-1804s)

AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

| FISCAL IMPACT: | [X] State | [] County | [] Local | [] None |
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| | Estimated Increase / (Decrease) | | | |
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| STATE: | FY 2022 | FY 2023 | FY 2024 | FY 2025 |
| Appropriation | \$1,000,000 | \$868,264 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Expenditures | \$1,000,000 | \$916,264 | \$17,000 | \$17,600 |
| Funding Source: | [X] General Agency Income and | [] Education Federal Funds | [] Highway | |

METHODOLOGY:

This bill renames the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs, establishes the duties and salary classifications for both potions, and alters the list of positions the adjutant general nominates for appointment. The makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund. The bill also increases the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services and makes an appropriation therefor.

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services was re-organized in 2019 and assumed control of the Division of Veterans Services (DVS) and the Division of Community Based Military Programs (DCBMP). As a result, the Department now has three major subordinate units: DVS, DCBMP the NH State Veterans Cemetery. Currently the Division of Veterans Services is led by an unclassified director and the other two divisions are led by classified employees. The DCBMP has an administrator and the State Veterans Cemetery has a superintendent. This legislation will make the cemetery superintendent and the DCBMP administrator unclassified employees. The bill will allow work hour flexibility for the cemetery superintendent and DCBMP administrator. Currently they work a fixed schedule and their duties often require them to work extra hours or off schedule days. The Department estimates the fiscal impact of the changes will be \$48,000 in FY 2023, \$17,000 in FY 2024 and \$17,600 in FY 2025. The fiscal impact was calculated by subtracting the current pay for both positions in the classified system from the current pay for an unclassified CC step 3. The incremental cost of benefits was included in the calculations. The amount for FY 2023 includes required payouts resulting from the conversion.

The bill makes a nonlapsing general fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund established in RSA 162-T:3.

The bill makes a general fund appropriation of \$868,264 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 to the Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for ambulance services. The rate increase shall be to equal 50 percent of the Medicare rate in effect as of June 30, 2022. The Department is authorized to accept and expend any matching federal funds available for this purpose without prior approval of the fiscal committee.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services

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HOUSE BILL 1256-FN

AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

SPONSORS: Rep. Allard, Merr. 21; Rep. Roy, Rock. 32; Rep. Deshaies, Carr. 6

COMMITTEE: State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Renames the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and establishes duties and salary classifications for that office.

II. Alters the list of positions the adjutant general nominates for appointment.

III. Renames the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs and establishes the salary classification for that office.

IV. Makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund.

V. Increases the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services and makes an appropriation thereof.

Explanation:Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.Matter removed from current law appears [in-brackets and struckthrough.]Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 322:1 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire State Veterans

2 Cemetery; Director of the State Veterans Cemetery. Amend RSA 110-B:74 to read as follows:

3 110-B:74 [Operation and Maintenance. The adjutant general shall administer the operation and

4 maintenance of the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery which shall be located in Boscawen,

5 New Hampshire.] Director of the State Veterans Cemetery. The state veterans cemetery, shall

6 be under the direction of an unclassified director of the state veterans cemetery who shall

7 be qualified to hold that position by reason of education and experience.

8 322:2 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; New Hampshire State Veterans
9 Cemetery; Cemetery Director. Amend RSA 110-B:76 to read as follows:

10 110-B:76 Cemetery [Superintendent] Director. [The adjutant general shall-designate-a 11 cemetery superintendent who shall-arrange for personnel, material, and equipment within the limits 12 of appropriated funds-and in-accordance-with-the regulations and procedures adopted in accordance 13 with-RSA-110-B:8-a, and approved by the governor and council.] The cemetery director shall:

I. Serve as chief coordinator for all interment operations of the New Hampshire
 state veterans cemetery, and utilize knowledge of cemetery operations and interpersonal
 skills to implement procedures to ensure dignity and professionalism of executing burial
 activities.

18 II. Coordinate with funeral directors, members of the clergy and family members to
 19 schedule and ensure proper funeral arrangements.

20 III. Establish and implement New Hampshire state veterans cemetery policies and 21 procedures and exercises decision making authority over operational functions.

22 IV. Manage all facilities, utilities, and equipment in support of cemetery 23 operations.

V. Manage and supervise personnel to assure compliance in the implementation of
 standard operating procedures for the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery.

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1 VI. Compile, analyze, and manage the preparation of federal grants (generating 2 revenue to the state); ensuring departmental compliance of federal guidelines: on an 3 ongoing basis.

4 VII. Interact with senior officials of the New Hampshire department of military affairs and veterans services, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, architects, 5 6 federal officials, and representatives of other state agencies in coordinating the 7 preparation of cemetery work programs, budgets, and purchasing to further the financial, 8 operational, and ceremonial functions of the cemetery.

9 VIII. Compile, analyze, and manage the preparation of periodic reports to provide 10 information concerning cemetery activities to the administrator III. deputy adjutant 11 general; and adjutant general.

12IX. Serve as liaison to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association. Inc. and 13various committees and boards, and interact with senior legislators and heads of state 14 veterans organizations.

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X. Participate in community outreach by attending various military and veteran 16 related functions and/or meetings around the state.

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322:3 Director of the State Veterans Cemetery; Salary,

18 I. The salary of the director of the state veterans cemetery shall be determined after 19 assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 94:1-a, I(b) for 20 the position which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon completion of $\mathbf{21}$ this action and appointment of the director of the state veterans cemetery, position number 19892 22 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of this classified position with its available $\mathbf{23}$ appropriations into the unclassified position of director of the state veterans cemetery. Funding 24 shall be transferred into a new expenditure class number 011, within accounting unit 02-12-12-25121010-2260. The incumbent in the abolished classified position shall be offered the opportunity to 26 seek the adjutant general's nomination for the unclassified position of director of the state veterans 27 cemetery.

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II. The amendment to RSA 110-B:74 shall take effect upon the abolition of position number 29 19892 under paragraph I, as certified by the commissioner of administrative services to the secretary 30 of state and the director of legislative services.

31322:4 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Composition of Veterans Services; 32Nominations by Adjutant General. Amend RSA 110-B:83 to read as follows:

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110-B:83 Composition of Veterans Services.

I. Veterans services shall be divided into 3 classes, namely the division of veterans services, 34 the state veterans cemetery, and the division of community based military programs. Additionally 35 36 there will be 2 advisory bodies, namely the veterans council and the military leadership team.

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1 II. The division of veterans services shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or 2 their dependents to secure all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state 3 or federal laws or regulations.

III. The state veterans cemetery shall provide and maintain a dignified final-resting place to 4 5 honor all veterans and eligible dependents which expresses the state's gratitude for their service to 6 the country.

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IV. The division of community based military programs shall collaborate, coordinate, and 8 communicate with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New 9 Hampshire veterans, service members, and their families.

10 V. The military leadership team and veterans council shall serve as advisory bodies and 11 shall provide advice and guidance to the adjutant general regarding the delivery of services to 12 veterans and military service members and their families.

13 VI. The adjutant general shall nominate for appointment by the governor, with the 14 consent of the council, the deputy adjutant general, the director of the division of veterans 15services, the director of the division of community based military programs, and the 16 director of the state veterans cemetery.

17 322:5 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Division of Community Based 18 Military Programs. Amend RSA 110-B:88 to read as follows:

19 110-B:88 Division of Community Based Military Programs. The division of community based 20 military programs, shall be under the supervision of an [administrator] unclassified director of 21 the division of community based military programs who shall be qualified to hold that position $\mathbf{22}$ by reason of education and experience. The director shall facilitate military and civilian 23 partnerships by collaborating, coordinating, and communicating with military and civilian provider 24 groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire veterans, service members, and their families. 25The [administrator] director shall be responsible for the following functions in accordance 26 with applicable law:

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I. Develop and implement innovative, effective, and sustainable provider engagement 28 projects to increase education, outreach, and engagement with military-access resources.

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II. Integrate military and civilian community and coalition networks and strengthen military-civilian community supports by integrating those supports into civilian structures.

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III. Advocate for federal and state funding to target system changes to improve services.

32 IV. Ensure cost efficiency through decreased overlap, service redundancy and increased 33 service fidelity.

34 V. Co-develop and provide oversight for New Hampshire's care coordination, including 35 services and supports addressing substance misuse, homelessness, suicide prevention, mental 36 health, sexual military trauma, unemployment, domestic violence, education, and legal support.

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VI. Authorize, evaluate, and monitor the administration of federal and state grants.

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1 VII. Initiate and facilitate state planning processes to improve access, navigation, and 2 coordination of military-civilian services and support.

3 VIII. Compile and analyze program statistics and metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the 4 system of care, initiatives and special projects, including the efforts of legislative, statewide, and 5 community coalitions across the state.

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322:6 Division of Community Based Military Programs; Director; Salary.

7 I. The salary of the director of the division of community based military programs shall be 8 determined after assessment and review of the appropriate temporary letter grade allocation in RSA 9 94:1-a, I(b) for the position which shall be conducted pursuant to RSA 94:1-d and RSA 14:14-c. Upon 10 completion of this action and appointment of the director of the state division of community based 11 military programs, position number 41032 shall be abolished to allow for the transition of this 12 classified position with its available appropriations into the unclassified position of director of the 13division of community based military programs. Funding shall be transferred into a new 14 expenditure class number 011, within accounting unit 02-12-12-121010-1015. The incumbent in the 15 abolished classified position shall be offered the opportunity to seek the adjutant general's 16 nomination for the unclassified position of director of the division of community based military 17programs.

II. The amendment to RSA 110-B:74 shall take effect upon the abolition of position number
41032 under paragraph I, as certified by the commissioner of administrative services to the secretary
of state and the director of legislative services.

21 322:7 State Regenerative Manufacturing Workforce Development Fund; Appropriation. The 22 sum of \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is hereby appropriated to the state 23 regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund established in RSA 162-T:3. This 24 appropriation shall be nonlapsing. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of 25 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

26 322:8 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for 27 Ambulance Services. The department of health and human services shall increase the Medicaid 28 reimbursement rate for ambulance services to be equal to 50 percent of the Medicare rate for 29 ambulance services based on the rate in effect as of June 30, 2022.

30 322:9 Appropriation; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services. The sum of 31 \$868,264 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health 32 and human services to implement Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for ambulance services. 33 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not 34 otherwise appropriated. Notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, VI, in addition to the amounts appropriated 35 in this section, the department of health and human services may accept and expend any matching 36 federal funds available for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee 37 of the general court.

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322:10 Effective Date. 1

- 2 I. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.
 - II. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.
- III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage. 4

Approved: July 08, 2022

Effective Date:

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I. Section 7 effective July 8, 2022 II. Sections 8 & 9 effective July 1, 2022 III. Remainder effective September 6, 2022

Amendments

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Amendment to HB 1256-FN

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IV. Makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund.

Senate Finance April 19, 2022 2022-1663s 07/05

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IV. Makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund.

Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1 Sen. Morse, Dist 22 Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5 April 26, 2022 2022-1804s 07/05

Floor Amendment to HB 1256-FN

 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:
 AN ACT relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services, making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce

making an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund, and adjusting and making an appropriation relative to the medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services.

8 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

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10 8 Department of Health and Human Services; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance 11 Services. The department of health and human services shall increase the Medicaid reimbursement 12 rate for ambulance services to be equal to 50 percent of the Medicare rate or ambulance services 13 based on the rate in effect as of June 30, 2022.

14 9 Appropriation; Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Ambulance Services. The sum of \$868,264 15 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is hereby appropriated to the department of health and 16 human services to implement Medicaid reimbursement rate increases for ambulance services. The 17 governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not 18 otherwise appropriated. Notwithstanding RSA 14:30-a, VI, in addition to the amounts appropriated 19 in this section, the department of health and human services may accept and expend any matching 20 federal funds available for the purposes of this section without prior approval of the fiscal committee 21of the general court.

22 10 Effective Date.

I. Section 7 of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

24 II. Sections 8 and 9 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

25 III. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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2022-1804s

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II. Alters the list of positions the adjutant general nominates for appointment.

III. Renames the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs and establishes the salary classification for that office.

IV. Makes an appropriation to the state regenerative manufacturing workforce development fund.

V. Increases the Medicaid reimbursement rates for ambulance services and makes an appropriation thereof.

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Executive Departments and Administration

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair Sen John Reagan, Vice Chair Sen Denise Ricciardi, Member Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Member Sen Suzanne Prentiss, Member

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Rep. Jeudy

Sen. Ricciardi

Rep. Rhodes

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Date: March 23, 2022

Rep. Sylvia

HEARINGS

| Wednesday | 03/30/2022 |
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| Executive Departments and Administration | | | State House | 103 | 9:00 a.m. |
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| 9:00 a.m. | HB 1171-FN | exempting certai | n niche beauty servi | ices from licen | sure requirements |
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| 10:00 a.m. | HB 1269 | relative to certain | n legislative study c | ommittees. | |
| 10:10 a.m. | HB 1182 relative to the board of court reporters. | | | | |
| 10:20 a.m. | HB 1330 | repealing the board of medical technicians in the office of profession licensure and certification. | | | |
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<u>Sharon M Carson</u> Chairman

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Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Chantell Wheeler 271-1403

HB 1256-FN, relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Hearing Date: March 30, 2022

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reagan, Ricciardi, Cavanaugh and Prentiss

Members of the Committee Absent: Senator Carson

Bill Analysis: This bill:

I. Renames the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and establishes duties and salary classifications for that office.

II. Alters the list of positions the adjutant general nominates for appointment.

III. Renames the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs and establishes the salary classification for that office.

Sponsors:Rep. AllardRep. RoyRep. Deshaies

Who supports the bill: Rep. Allard, Rep. McGuire, Rep. Fellows, Warren Perry, Deputy Adjutant General

Who opposes the bill: None

Who is neutral on the bill: None

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Allard introduced the bill.

- This bill had bi-partisan and unanimous support in the House.
- The Department of Military Affairs requested this bill in recognition that current working schedules and compensation do not meet the needs of the 21st century.

Warren Perry, Deputy Adjutant General

- Classified employees currently lead the Veterans Cemetery and the Division of Community Based Military Programs (DCBMP), at labor grades 25 and 27. These employees work a fixed schedule, but often need to work extra hours or off schedule days.
- The scope of the veteran's cemetery has evolved over the past 25 years. The number of people interred there has doubled. The cemetery has been expanded three times in the last eight years.
- Moving these positions to unclassified will create parity in the department and enable them to more efficiently meet their mission of assisting veterans.

Rep. Fellows:

- Rep. Fellows is a veteran and retired state worker.
- Agreed that the positions should be unclassified to better align the pay structure to the duties required.
- Rep. Fellows was assisted by a veterans organization 35 years ago that helped her find a job and stated that this continues to be a very important service.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

cbw Date Hearing Report completed: March 30, 2022

Speakers

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Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

| Date: 03/30/2022 | <u>Time: 9:15 a.m.</u> | Public Hearing on: | HB 1256-FN |
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Testimony

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON HB1256-FN AN ACT RELATIVE TO POSITIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES

For Committee Hearing, March 30, 2022 Warren Perry, Deputy Adjutant General

Members of the Honorable Executive Departments and Administration Committee,

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services supports HB 1256 that seeks to rename the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and the position of administrator of the division of community based military programs to director of the division of community based military programs and establish the salary classification for those offices.

In 2019, RSA 110-B was amended to create the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services. The change added the Division of Veterans Services (DVS) and the Division of Community Based Military Programs (DCBMP). As a result, the Department now has three major divisions: DVS, DCBMP the NH State Veterans Cemetery. All three divisions are authorized in existing statute. Currently an unclassified director leads the Division of Veterans Services.

In the past 4 years, the duties and responsibilities of these two positions evolved significantly in both scope and responsibility making the current paradigm outdated, inefficient, and an impediment to mission accomplishment.

The Veterans Bill of Rights added significant responsibilities to the DCBMP including administering a military skills test waiver program, enabling the acceptance of military training and experience in professional licensing, and establishing a program to end veteran homelessness. The scope of the cemetery superintendent's duties now include, planning, budgeting for, and coordinating multimillion dollar expansion projects and coordinating directly with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for funding and policy. In recent years, the Veterans Cemetery has seen exponential growth. The number of graves has doubled since 2015. We also executed three expansions in the last eight years with the next expansion scheduled for FY 24.

Classified employees currently lead the Veterans Cemetery and DCBMP. The incumbents in these positions work a fixed schedule but their duties often require them to work extra hours or off schedule days. When passed, this bill will allow work hour flexibility for the cemetery superintendent and DCBMP administrator. Additionally it will create parity among the employees who lead the three major subdivisions of the department.

Moving these positions to the unclassified system will enable the department to address the leadership and managerial burdens associated with the evolution of our mission.

This bill received overwhelming support in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. The department respectfully asks that the committee favorably consider HB 1256.

Voting Sheets

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Executive Departments and Administration

to which was referred HB 1256-FN

AN ACT

relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

Senator Sharon Carson For the Committee

This legislation will create pay parity for employees of the State Veterans Cemetery and help the state retain workers to operate this great service for our fallen heroes. This bill changes the position of cemetery superintendent to cemetery director and defines the duties of the position. The title for the head of the division of community-based military programs is changed from administrator to director. Since both positions spend a significant about of time working with the public outside of regular business hours, they are transferred to the unclassified personnel category. The committee recommends this bill ought to pass.

Chantell Wheeler 271-1403

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

THE COMMITTEE ON Finance

to which was referred HB 1256-FN

AN ACT

relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 7-0

AMENDMENT # 1663s

Senator Bob Giuda For the Committee

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4 Recommendation:

5 That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and 6 concur with the Senate amendment, and

That the Senate and House each pass the bill as amended by the Senate.

The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 1256-FN, relative to positions within the department of military affairs and veterans services.

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Conferees on the Part of the House

Sen. Carson, Dist. 14

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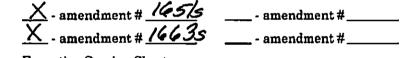
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Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1256-FN

This enrolled bill amendment makes grammatical and technical corrections.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to HB 1256-FN

Amend RSA 110-B:76, I as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

state veterans cemetery, and utilize knowledge of cemetery operations and interpersonal

Amend RSA 110-B:76, IX and X as inserted by section 2 of the bill by replacing them with the following:

IX. Serve as liaison to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association, Inc. and various committees and boards, and interact with senior legislators and heads of state veterans organizations.

X. Participate in community outreach by attending various military and veteran related functions and/or meetings around the state.

Amend section 3 of the bill by replacing lines 1-3 with the following:

3 Director of the State Veterans Cemetery; Salary.

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Amend section 6 of the bill by replacing lines 1-3 with the following:

6 Division of Community Based Military Programs; Director; Salary.