

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1357

**House of Origin**    ☐ Introduced    ☒ Substitute    ☐ Engrossed  
**Second House**    ☐ In Committee    ☐ Substitute    ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Stosch

**3. Committee:** General Laws and Technology

**4. Title:** Pilot program for Veterans Services Officer.

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services to establish a Veterans Service Officers pilot program with a Virginia locality to enhance efforts to provide services to veterans and their immediate family members. Financial support of the position will be provided from such state funds as may be appropriated. The bill provides for the participating locality to report on the pilot program to the Commissioner of the Department of Veterans Services on or before November 30, 2012. The bill has a sunset of July 1, 2013.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 413.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item #8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011	-	-	-
2012	\$56,835	-	General Fund
2013	-	-	-

**8. Fiscal Implications:** County Veterans Service Officers, who operate in coordination with the state, provide information and assistance in obtaining state and federal veterans benefits, programs, and services. The Governor's introduced budget proposes funding and one position for a County Veterans Services Office program liaison officer to provide training, technical assistance, oversight, and coordination to the local officers.

Under the bill, one Virginia locality may establish a Veterans Service Officer pilot program with funds that may be appropriated for it. The provisions of the bill expire on July 1, 2013.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Veterans Services.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety