

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2021 Special Session I Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1279ER

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Bell

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Department of Veterans Services; initiatives to reduce unemployment among veterans.

**5. Summary:** Requires the Department of Veterans Services to develop a comprehensive program to assist military service members, veterans, and their spouses in making a successful transition from military to civilian life in the Commonwealth. The program shall promote strategies and services for connecting transitioning service members, veterans, and spouses to local, regional, state, and federal employment resources in Virginia, including (i) skills and workforce assessments and (ii) internship and apprenticeship programs. Such program must prioritize assistance to military service members, veterans, and their spouses who (i) have not sought services under any program authorized under the federal Wagner-Peyser Act, and available through the Virginia Employment Commission and (ii) are not eligible for job counseling, training, and placement services for veterans and spouses under 38 U.S.C. § 4101 et seq.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8 below.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS), the proposed legislation is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on agency operations.

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

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.