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HOUSE BILL DRH30365-LM-120

Short Title: Long-Term Care for NC Veterans. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Farkas.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN
3 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
4 AFFAIRS, TO EXAMINE THE STATE'S DELIVERY OF LONG-TERM CARE TO
5 VETERANS AND DETERMINE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO
6 ENSURE EXEMPLARY SERVICES MOVING FORWARD.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration
9 with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, shall conduct a comprehensive study of
10 the long-term care needs of veterans in the State which shall, at a minimum, include all of the
11 following:

- 12 (1) An analysis of the veteran population in the State, including demographics
13 and geographic characteristics.
- 14 (2) The various ways in which veterans' long-term care needs are currently being
15 met by the federal Veterans Administration, the State of North Carolina, local
16 governments in the State, and nongovernmental organizations.
- 17 (3) An estimate of the future veteran population in the State over the next decade,
18 which shall be based on reliable data, including data obtained from the federal
19 Veterans Administration.
- 20 (4) Projected long-term care needs of veterans over the next decade, including, at
21 a minimum, medical, housing, and transportation needs and anticipated issues
22 of concern that should be addressed to meet those needs.
- 23 (5) Tangible, actionable recommendations that can be executed at every level of
24 government, including legislative and agency-specific recommendations, to
25 effectively address the long-term care needs of veterans in the State.

26 **SECTION 1.(b)** In conducting the study, the Department of Health and Human
27 Services, in collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, may contract
28 with appropriate organizations, as needed. No later than February 15, 2022, the Department of
29 Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans
30 Affairs, shall submit a report of its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
31 General Government and the Fiscal Research Division.

32 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

