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## Bill Analysis

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**Version:** As Passed by the Senate

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. O'Brien

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### SUMMARY

- Requires certain entities to inform a veteran or the veteran's representative about available health care or financial benefits.
- Designates the bill as the "Veteran Information Act."

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Duty to inform veterans

The bill requires certain entities to inform a veteran or the veteran's representative about (1) health care or financial benefits that are available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and (2) information about congressionally-chartered veterans service organizations or the county veterans service office that can assist the veteran with investigating and applying for benefits through the Department.

The bill requires this information to be provided to a veteran or the veteran's representative in all of the following situations:

- During a long-term care consultation conducted under the long-term care consultation program administered by the Department of Aging;<sup>1</sup>
- By any person or public agency licensed to provide a hospice care program when a veteran seeks services;<sup>2</sup>
- A nursing home or skilled nursing facility when a veteran seeks admission to the home or facility. This requirement does not apply to a nursing home that participates in the

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 173.42(E)(5).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3712.06(I).

Veteran Community Partnerships Program administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;<sup>3</sup>

- A hospital discharging a patient who is a veteran and who requires additional health care services after discharge.<sup>4</sup>

Continuing law defines a veteran, for purposes of the bill’s requirements, as (1) a former member of the armed forces of the United States who served on active military duty and received an honorable discharge or honorable separation, or (2) a United States merchant marine who has an honorable report of separation from active duty military service.<sup>5</sup>

## Veteran Information Act

The bill is designated as the “Veteran Information Act.”<sup>6</sup>

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### HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3721.141.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3727.75(B)(2).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 5901.01, not in the bill.

<sup>6</sup> Section 3.