



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Resolution 171 Printer's No. 1195

Prime Sponsor: Argall
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

SYNOPSIS:

SR 171 would require the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and make recommendations relating to the feasibility and cost effectiveness of utilizing privately owned veterans care facilities to augment the Commonwealth's six State-owned veterans care facilities.

SUMMARY:

SR 171 would require the study to include:

- *The number of veterans in each county waiting to be placed in State veterans care facilities.
- *The number of veterans in Pennsylvania eligible for care from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
- *The average cost per day of the care and treatment for a veteran at State-owned veterans care facilities.
- *The average cost per day of the care and treatment for a veteran at a privately owned care facility.
- *The projected number of veterans who will need care over the next 10 years within this Commonwealth.
- *A summary of other states and their respective programs that allow for public-private partnerships with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to offer additional care for veterans.
- *Any additional opportunities that exist to enhance and improve the care for veterans at either a State-owned or privately owned facility.

Effective Date: The Report would be due December 31, 2015.

BILL HISTORY:

LBFC last conducted a study regarding veteran's services in 2007 as a result of SR 124 and SR 131 of 2005.

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