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## HOUSE BILL No. 1402

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DIGEST OF HB 1402 (Updated January 25, 2018 8:28 am - DI 131)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17; noncode.

**Synopsis:** Veterans matters. Requires the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to perform an electronic query of the records maintained in the case management system developed and operated by the division of state court administration on a weekly basis to obtain arrestee information and cross reference the names obtained with the names of individuals in the: (1) U.S. Department of Defense data base of individuals whose military service qualifies the individual for veterans benefits; and (2) national guard registries. Allows the information to be shared with county prosecutors and veterans courts to benefit veterans in the court system. Urges the legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee topics related to implementing a program to provide property tax incentives for rental property owners who partner with nonprofit organizations to reduce veteran homelessness.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2018.

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**Baird, Clere, Klinker, Macer**

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January 16, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.  
January 25, 2018, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "veterans' court" has**  
4 **the meaning set forth in IC 33-23-16-10.**

5 **(b) The department, in collaboration with the national guard (as**  
6 **defined in IC 10-16-1-13), shall perform an electronic query of the**  
7 **records maintained in the case management system developed and**  
8 **operated by the division of state court administration on a weekly**  
9 **basis to obtain arrestee information and cross reference the names**  
10 **obtained with the names of individuals in the:**

11 **(1) U.S. Department of Defense data base of individuals whose**  
12 **military service qualifies the individual for veterans benefits;**  
13 **and**

14 **(2) national guard registries.**

15 **(c) Information obtained under subsection (b) may be shared**  
16 **with county prosecutors and a veterans' court to help address the**  
17 **needs of veterans in the court system by:**

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1           **(1) bringing together substance abuse rehabilitation**  
2           **professionals, local social programs, and intensive judicial**  
3           **monitoring; and**  
4           **(2) linking veterans to programs and services.**  
5           **(d) The department shall adopt rules and procedures necessary**  
6           **and appropriate to implement this section.**  
7           SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The legislative**  
8           **council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study**  
9           **committee the task of studying whether Indiana should implement**  
10          **a program to provide a property tax deduction for rental property**  
11          **owners as a way to encourage rental property owners to partner**  
12          **with nonprofit organizations to reduce veteran homelessness. An**  
13          **interim study committee assigned a study under this SECTION**  
14          **shall consider the following topics:**  
15               **(1) The criteria to be met for a property owner to qualify for**  
16               **a tax deduction under the program.**  
17               **(2) The criteria to be met for a nonprofit organization to**  
18               **participate in the program, and the process for the Indiana**  
19               **department of veterans' affairs to approve nonprofit**  
20               **organizations for participation in the program.**  
21               **(3) Determining the source of funding for the program.**  
22          **(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2019.**  
23          SECTION 3. **An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1402, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 18.

Delete pages 3 through 4.

Page 5, delete lines 1 through 34, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The legislative council is urged to assign to an appropriate interim study committee the task of studying whether Indiana should implement a program to provide a property tax deduction for rental property owners as a way to encourage rental property owners to partner with nonprofit organizations to reduce veteran homelessness. An interim study committee assigned a study under this SECTION shall consider the following topics:**

**(1) The criteria to be met for a property owner to qualify for a tax deduction under the program.**

**(2) The criteria to be met for a nonprofit organization to participate in the program, and the process for the Indiana department of veterans' affairs to approve nonprofit organizations for participation in the program.**

**(3) Determining the source of funding for the program.**

**(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2019."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1402 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 0.

