

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is amended by adding Section 3.01 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2805/3.01 new)

Sec. 3.01. Analysis of field services. Subject to sufficient appropriations for this purpose, the Department shall contract for a market research analysis of field services in this State. The analysis shall include the availability of veterans assistance commissions, veterans service organizations, and Department staff to assist veterans as well as the availability of nontraditional methods to deliver services through technology-based approaches. The analysis may use census data, as well as questionnaires, surveys, and town hall meetings to solicit input from veterans, their families, and other stakeholders. Within 18 months after sufficient appropriations, the Department shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a recommended plan for the future delivery of services by the Department's Field Division. The report shall include the estimated cost of implementing the plan.

This Section is repealed on December 31, 2023.