

**Introduced by Senator Allen**

February 18, 2016

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An act to add Section 712.5 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1214, as introduced, Allen. Veterans: Internet resources.

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, the administration of veterans benefits programs. Existing law requires the department to make available to family members of veterans returning from active duty user-friendly Internet resources that provide information on the signs of pertinent ailments from various conflicts, as specified, and printed material regarding those ailments at any public function of the department. Existing law requires the department to post information pertaining to benefit programs that are available to qualified homeless veterans on its Internet Web site.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to develop and implement a plan, by January 1, 2018, to routinely analyze myCalVet data, as defined, to identify trends in the services veterans and their families indicate they are most interested in, and to incorporate the results of those analyses into its outreach efforts, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 712.5 is added to the Military and
- 2 Veterans Code, to read:

1 712.5. (a) By January 1, 2018, the department shall develop  
2 and implement a plan to routinely analyze and use myCalVet data  
3 to identify trends in the services veterans and their families indicate  
4 they are most interested in, and to incorporate the results of that  
5 analyses into its outreach efforts.  
6 (b) To determine the most successful methods for informing  
7 veterans and their families about the myCalVet Internet Web site,  
8 and to increase the number of registered users, the department  
9 shall evaluate myCalVet data to identify which outreach methods  
10 were most effective in informing registered users about the  
11 myCalVet Internet Web site.  
12 (c) For purposes of this section:  
13 (1) “MyCalVet data” means the data collected or accessed  
14 through the myCalVet Internet Web site.  
15 (2) “MyCalVet Internet Web site” means the Internet Web site  
16 maintained by the department that allows veterans and family  
17 members to connect to veterans benefits and services through the  
18 creation of online profiles that provide access to information related  
19 to, among others, health care, education, housing, employment,  
20 advocacy, claims assistance, and service providers.