



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB3682

Introduced 2/5/2026, by Sen. Mike Simmons

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/45 new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Provides that the Task Force on Federal Impact to Illinois Veterans is created within the Department of Veterans Affairs to include the feedback, experiences, and guidance from veterans throughout Illinois on the state of existing veteran programming, resources, housing, and healthcare. Provides that the Task Force shall also analyze the current state of staff and funding changes to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, in conjunction with the impact federal funding cuts to social services enacted by the Department of Government Efficiency and through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act have on the over 500,000 veterans living in Illinois. Provides that the Task Force shall also assess ways that the State of Illinois can assist Illinois veterans expected to lose their jobs within the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, as well as veterans impacted by cuts to entitlement programs, including, but not limited to, SNAP, Medicaid, and federal tax credits. Contains provisions on Task Force membership and meetings. Provides that the Task Force may allow testimony from the public regarding the impact of federal cuts on veterans. Requires the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2027. Provides that the Task Force is dissolved on January 31, 2028. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is  
5 amended by adding Section 45 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/45 new)

7 Sec. 45. Task Force on Federal Impact to Illinois  
8 Veterans.

9 (a) The Task Force on Federal Impact to Illinois Veterans  
10 is created within the Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
11 purpose of the Task Force is to include the feedback,  
12 experiences, and guidance from veterans throughout Illinois on  
13 the state of existing veteran programming, resources, housing,  
14 and healthcare, as well as analyze the current state of staff  
15 and funding changes to the U.S. Department of Veterans'  
16 Affairs, in conjunction with the impact federal funding cuts  
17 to social services enacted by the Department of Government  
18 Efficiency and through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public  
19 Law 119-21, have on the over 500,000 veterans living in  
20 Illinois.

21 Additionally, the Task Force shall assess ways that the  
22 State of Illinois can assist Illinois veterans expected to  
23 lose their jobs within the U.S. Department of Veterans'

1 Affairs, as well as veterans impacted by cuts to entitlement  
2 programs, including, but not limited to, SNAP, Medicaid, and  
3 federal tax credits.

4 (b) The Task Force shall have 12 members, comprised as  
5 follows:

6 (1) the Director of Veterans Affairs;

7 (2) the Chairperson of the Senate Veterans Affairs  
8 Committee or his or her designee;

9 (3) the Chairperson of the House Veterans' Affairs  
10 Committee or his or her designee;

11 (4) 3 representatives from a variety of veterans  
12 organizations, appointed by the Director of Veterans  
13 Affairs; and

14 (5) 6 veterans representing the geographic diversity  
15 in the State, appointed by the Director of Veterans  
16 Affairs.

17 (c) Task Force members shall serve without compensation.

18 (d) The Task Force shall meet initially at the call of the  
19 Director of Veterans Affairs. The Director or the Director's  
20 designee shall serve as chairperson of the Task Force. For  
21 every meeting after the initial meeting, the Task Force shall  
22 meet at the call of the chairperson.

23 (e) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide  
24 administrative support to the Task Force.

25 (f) The Task Force may allow testimony from the public  
26 regarding the impact of federal cuts on veterans.

1       (g) All findings and recommendations made by the Task  
2       Force must be reported to the Governor and the General  
3       Assembly by December 15, 2027.

4       (h) The Task Force is dissolved, and this Section is  
5       repealed, on January 31, 2028.

6       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
7       becoming law.