



## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3181

Introduced 2/1/2012, by Sen. Antonio Muñoz

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

330 ILCS 45/12 new

Amends the Military Veterans Assistance Act. Provides that in counties with a population of over 3,000,000 residents, the superintendent chosen by the Veterans Assistance Commission of the county shall not take office until the superintendent has been approved by the president or chairman of the county board. Sets forth provisions concerning the selection and approval process. Provides that the superintendent shall work with the president or chairman of the county board, or another county employee designated by him or her, to set standards and to develop and implement appropriate programs to address the needs of veterans of that county. Provides that the president or chairman of the county board may seek grant funding and other funding from appropriate outside sources. Sets forth provisions concerning county fund records. Provides that employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission of a county shall be selected by the superintendent and the president or chairman of the county board. Provides that the superintendent and the president or chairman of the county board shall employ only those candidates who meet the hiring requirements of the county.

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans.

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

4 Section 5. The Military Veterans Assistance Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 12 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 45/12 new)

7 Sec. 12. Counties with a population of over 3,000,000.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any language in this Act to the  
9 contrary, the provisions of this Section shall apply in  
10 counties with a population of over 3,000,000 residents.

11 (b) The superintendent chosen by the Veterans Assistance  
12 Commission of a county shall not take office until the  
13 superintendent has been approved by the president or chairman  
14 of the county board. The president or chairman of the county  
15 board shall decide on the appointment within 45 days after the  
16 Veterans Assistance Commission has provided notice to the  
17 president or chairman of the county board of its selection. If  
18 the president or chairman of the county board does not approve  
19 the Veterans Assistance Commission's selection of  
20 superintendent, then the Veterans Assistance Commission shall  
21 submit a new selection within 30 days after receiving the  
22 decision of the president or chairman of the county board. No  
23 superintendent shall take office until the president or

1 chairman of the county board has formally approved the  
2 selection.

3 (c) The superintendent shall work with the president or  
4 chairman of the county board, or another county employee  
5 designated by him or her, to set standards and to develop and  
6 implement appropriate programs to address the needs of veterans  
7 of that county. The president or chairman of the county board  
8 may seek grant funding and other funding from appropriate  
9 outside sources in order to pay for the expansion of veterans  
10 assistance programs in that county.

11 (d) The superintendent shall keep records of all county  
12 funds expended and shall provide all records upon request. In  
13 the event that grant funding is secured, the superintendent and  
14 the president or chairman of the county board shall work  
15 together to provide the necessary data about appropriate grant  
16 expenditures.

17 (e) Employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission of a  
18 county shall be selected by the superintendent and the  
19 president or chairman of the county board. The superintendent  
20 and the president or chairman of the county board shall employ  
21 only those candidates who meet the hiring requirements of the  
22 county, including those requirements implemented because of  
23 court orders.