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Assembly Bill No. 1908

CHAPTER 183

An act to amend Section 1198.5 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to memorial districts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1908, Chávez. Memorial districts.

Existing law provides for the formation of veterans memorial districts and provides for their powers and functions in constructing, acquiring, and operating halls, buildings, meeting places, and other facilities for the use of veterans and veterans' organizations and by persons and organizations other than veterans when their use does not interfere with the use of the facilities by veterans. Existing law additionally authorizes veterans memorial districts to provide funding to providers of supportive services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. Existing law requires the secretary of every memorial district to annually prepare a financial report containing specified information from the preceding year, including, among other things, disbursements of any kind and the purposes thereof. Existing law requires local agencies and special districts to report specified information on an annual basis to certain entities, including to the county auditor.

This bill would require the annual financial report to include additional information about funding distributed to providers of supportive services. The bill would authorize the secretary to exclude information that is already included in those other annual reports from the annual financial report, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1198.5 of the Military and Veterans Code is amended to read:

1198.5. (a) The secretary of every memorial district shall annually prepare a financial report signed by the board of directors containing the following information and related data in such detail as may be necessary to accurately disclose its financial condition and operations during the preceding fiscal year:

- (1) Assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the fiscal year.
- (2) Receipts of any kind and the sources thereof.
- (3) Disbursements of any kind and the purposes thereof, including funding distributed to providers of supportive services pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 1191.
- (4) A list of all contracts, transactions, agreements, or other obligations entered into.

(b) The board of every memorial district shall provide for the safekeeping of all records, at such places as the board may order and shall transfer such records to such boards as are subsequently elected under the provisions of this chapter.

(c) The secretary of a memorial district may exclude information included in reports prepared pursuant to Section 26909, 53891, or 53901 of the Government Code from the report required pursuant to subdivision (a).