

Labor and Public Employees Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5277 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF VETERANS' INFORMATION AND
Title: SERVICES FOR DISPLAY IN THE WORKPLACE.

Vote Date: 3/5/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/24/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

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REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill is an attempt to make it more clear what opportunities and help are present to veterans. By posting information on their website and having a poster display this information they hope more veterans will be able to use those opportunities to find new jobs or get any financial or mental help needed.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Daniel O'Keefe, Commissioner, DECD: Mr. O'Keefe stated DECD goal is to develop strategies to increase the state economic competitiveness. This is done by attracting business, revitalizing neighborhoods promoting CT's arts, cultural and tourism assets. HB 5277 would require DOL and the Chief Manufacturing Officer, in consultation with DVA to post downloadable information on the DOL and DECD webpages regarding benefits and services available to veterans in CT. Highlighting these resources will improve access to employment for veterans.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Ed Hawthorne, President, Connecticut AFL-CIO: Supports the bill as CT has 131,600 residents who are military veterans. The bill would require DOL to create a poster containing information about available veterans benefits and require employers to display the poster in a conspicuous place accessible to all employees. The poster could include information for substance abuse, mental health treatment, resources for tax benefits and legal services. These types of information significantly improve the quality of life of veteran workers.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None provided.

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