
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 282

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE NEGLECTED CEMETERY ACCOUNT AND CONCERNING CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF WARTIME VETERANS' GRAVES.

SUMMARY

This bill transfers \$100,000 for FY 27 from the General Fund to the neglected cemetery account and allows account funds to be used as grants to municipalities to care for and maintain graves for anyone who served in a time of war.

By law, the Office of Policy and Management may, from the neglected cemetery account, make grants to municipalities for maintaining neglected burial grounds and cemeteries with more than six places of interment (CGS § 19a-308b). The municipal selectmen may use the funds to clear vegetation, mow lawn areas, repair fences or walls, and fix memorial stones.

Under existing law, municipalities are responsible for the cost of caring for and maintaining graves of those who served in wartime if the services are not paid for by private individuals or the cemetery trustees. The bill allows municipalities to apply for money available in the neglected cemetery account for grants for these maintenance purposes.

The bill also makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 2 (03/10/2026)