

# Department of Veterans' Services

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **January 22, 2025**):

- A **FY 2025-26 workforce of 110, remaining unchanged** from the 2024-25 Budget.
- The Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) anticipates the loss of 10 positions through attrition and expects 10 new fills.

The following chart identifies estimated FTEs level by program:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2024-25 Est. FTEs 3/31/25</b>	<b>FY 2025-26 Est. FTEs 3/31/26</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>
Administration	3	3	0
Veterans Counseling Services	99	99	0
Veterans Education	8	8	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>0</b>

- A State Operations All Funds appropriation of **\$14.2 million, an increase of \$157,000 (1.1%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The total appropriation for Personal Services is **\$10.8 million, an increase of \$126,000 (1.2%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- Division of Veterans' Affairs is not included on the FY 2025-26 Consulting Service Contracts Report.
- Budget Highlights:
  - Includes funding necessary to support the proposed legislation to expand eligibility of the Gold Star Annuity from parents of service members who die in combat to immediate family members of any service member who dies while on active duty.
  - Includes \$1 million to expand veteran suicide prevention initiatives, including enhanced risk assessment training, outreach tools, gun safety programs, and improved access to mental health services for veterans.
  - Includes \$350,000 for the Military Relief Fund to support various relief initiatives to enhance the lives of military families throughout the state.