House Research
Act Summary

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Overview

This bill would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to electronically access the MAXIS database of the Department of Human Services (DHS), in order to verify eligibility—i.e., including that the veterans requesting assistance under the State Soldiers Assistance Program are not already receiving similar benefits from DHS. The bill would be effective October 1, 2004.

Notes:

Under current practice, the MDVA must phone the DHS to verify eligibility for each veteran applying for temporary assistance through the State Soldiers Assistance Program.

MAXIS is a master computer system in the Department of Human Services that tracks all public assistance payments and activity throughout the state.