

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB1067</b>                                 |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>FULLPCS1</b>                               |
| <b>Request Number:</b> | <b>10583</b>                                  |
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| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>No impact; federal funds and donations</b> |

**Research Analysis**

The proposed committee substitute for HB 1067 creates the Dignity in Burial Act, which directs the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) to establish a program to provide a burial grant of up to \$1,000 for any honorably discharged veteran who lacked the financial capability prior to their death to prepare or provide for interment or cremation. Eligibility for the grant will be determined as follows:

- The deceased must be a veteran who died in Oklahoma and was not in the custody of the Department of Corrections at the time of death; and
- The applicant must provide documentation that establishes the burial location of the deceased veteran's remains and that the veteran was provided an appropriate casket and memorial headstone if interred.

Reimbursement is to be paid from the Indigent Veteran Burial Revolving Fund. If there are insufficient resources in that fund, payment will be made from the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Revolving Fund. The measure directs ODVA to develop an application process for the program, and the executive director or their designee will make final approval of the applications.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure states that the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall establish a program named the Dignity in Burial Act in which federal funds and donations will be used for unpaid expenses relating to burial or cremation for indigent veterans who reside in Oklahoma; up to \$1,000.

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**Other Considerations**

None.