

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1462

Veterans' Affairs/Direct-support Organization
by Senator Dean

Authorizes the Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) to establish a direct-support organization that is organized and operated exclusively to obtain funds; request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of moneys; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer in its own name securities, funds, or property; and make expenditures to or for the direct or indirect benefit of the department. Requires a direct-support organization to operate under a written contract with the FDVA. Requires the contract to provide for, among other requirements, approval of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, submission of an annual budget for approval, and annual certification by the FDVA that it is complying with the terms of the written contract.

Provides for the FDVA to prescribe by contract any condition with which the direct-support organization must comply in order to use property, facilities, or personal services of the department. Requires that 20 percent of the annual license plate fee collected from the sale of the "Florida Salutes Veterans" license plate be distributed to the direct-support organization. (See bill for details)