

PART VI. REPORTING.

9-946.

THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT BY DECEMBER 31 OF EACH YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THAT INCLUDES:

- (1) THE NUMBER OF:
 - (I) REQUESTS FOR HELP IN OBTAINING BENEFITS; AND
 - (II) VETERANS, VETERANS' DEPENDENTS, AND VETERANS' SURVIVORS HELPED BY THE OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM BY CATEGORY;
- (2) THE BENEFITS OBTAINED THROUGH THE OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM BY CATEGORY;
- (3) THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IT TAKES TO PROCESS BENEFIT REQUESTS AND FOR A RECIPIENT TO ACCESS HEALTH BENEFITS;
- (4) THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF DISABILITY AND PENSION BENEFITS RECEIVED BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS IN THIS STATE COMPARED TO INDIVIDUALS IN OTHER STATES;
- (5) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OUTREACH PLAN IN THE OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM;
- (6) AN ACCOUNT OF THE COSTS OF OPERATING THE OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM;
- (7) A STATUS OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR, EFFICACY OF, EFFICIENCY OF, AND LEVEL OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:
 - (I) CEMETERY,
 - (II) MEMORIAL;
 - (III) SERVICE;
 - (IV) VETERANS HOMES; AND
 - (V) OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY;
- (8) A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF VETERANS IN THE STATE;
- (9) THE ESTIMATED IMPACT CURRENT MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE ON THE NEEDS OF VETERANS IN THE FUTURE;
- (10) THE STATUS OF FEDERAL VETERANS PROGRAMS AS THEY RELATE TO MARYLAND VETERANS; AND