

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/HB 253 — Veterans Dental Care Grant Program

by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and Reps. Edmonds and Gantt (CS/CS/SB 96 by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senators Sharief, Rouson, Jones, Osgood, and Bernard)

The bill expands eligibility for the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program established within the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The bill effectively requires veterans to have an income of up to 400 percent of the federal poverty level to be eligible for the program. The department set the current program eligibility to veterans with incomes up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level by administrative rule.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 116-0