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A BILL

To enact sections 5160.471 and 5902.21 of the 1
Revised Code to establish a process for 2
identifying individuals who are medical 3
assistance recipients that may be eligible to 4
receive federal military-related health care 5
benefits. 6

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 5160.471 and 5902.21 of the 7
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 8

Sec. 5160.471. (A) As used in this section: 9

"Federal military-related health care benefits" means any 10
of the health care benefits provided by the United States 11
department of defense or the United States department of 12
veterans affairs to current or former service members and their 13
eligible dependents, including the benefits provided through the 14
programs known as tricare and champva. 15

(B) (1) The department of medicaid shall review information 16

in the public assistance reporting information system to 17
determine whether an individual who is a medical assistance 18
recipient may be eligible for federal military-related health 19
care benefits. If the department determines that the individual 20
may be eligible for federal military-related health care 21
benefits, it shall notify the individual of the potential 22
eligibility and encourage the individual to contact the veterans 23
service commission in the county in which the individual resides 24
for assistance in applying for the benefits. The department 25
shall provide the appropriate contact information to the 26
individual. 27

Sec. 5902.21. The director of veterans services shall 28
develop, institute, and monitor a program under which the 29
department of veterans services assists individuals, who are 30
medical assistance recipients, to obtain federal military- 31
related health care benefits. As used in this section, "federal 32
military-related health care benefits" has the meaning defined 33
in section 5160.471 of the Revised Code. 34