

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB1052</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>Committee Substitute</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Up to \$1,000 reimbursement for veteran funerals if qualified; from existing, donated funds</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB1052, as committee substitute, relates to the reimbursement of burial expenses for veterans. The measure removes the requirement that veterans be indigent and experiencing homelessness at time of death in order to be eligible. The measure introduces eligibility requirements as:

- Deceased is a veteran,
- No one shall have claimed remains of veteran,
- Veteran was not incarcerated at time of death,
- Application will include location of burial or cremains, and
- Application will include verification that interment included proper memorial headstone or marker.

The measure further provides reimbursement only for burial costs rather than payment. The measure also increases the maximum reimbursement amount from \$500 to \$1,000. And lastly, the measure makes approval of the application optional rather than mandatory.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure provides for up to a \$1,000 reimbursements for qualified veteran funerals. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs will utilize existing, donated funds for the provisions of the bill.

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**Other Considerations**

None.