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SYNOPSIS

Establishes task force to study issues facing returning members of the United States Armed Forces and New Jersey National Guard and make recommendations on how State should address issues.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** establishing a task force on issues and concerns of
2 returning members of the United States Armed Forces and New
3 Jersey National Guard.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. There is established in the Department of Military and
9 Veterans Affairs a task force to consist of the following 11
10 members: the Commissioners of Education, Labor and Workforce
11 Development, Health and Senior Services and Human Services, or
12 their designees, serving as ex officio members; the Chairperson of
13 the Civil Service Commission, or a designee, serving as an ex
14 officio member; and the Adjutant General of the Department of
15 Military and Veterans Affairs. The Adjutant General shall appoint
16 five public members, with at least three persons with knowledge or
17 experience in one of the following areas: demobilization and post
18 deployment; post traumatic stress disorder, family readiness groups
19 or family assistance centers; employer support groups; veterans
20 service officers; issues relevant to women in the military and
21 veteran homeless shelters.

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23 2. All appointments to the task force shall be made within 30
24 days after the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the
25 membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as
26 the original appointments were made. The public members of the
27 task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be
28 reimbursed for necessary expenditures incurred in the performance
29 of their duties as members of the task force.

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31 3. The task force shall organize as soon as may be practicable
32 after the appointment of its members and shall choose a chairperson
33 from among its members. The task force shall appoint a secretary
34 who need not be a member of the task force.

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36 4. The task force shall meet at the call of the chairperson. The
37 task force shall hold at least three public hearings in different parts
38 of the State and elicit testimony from the public at such times and
39 places as the chair shall designate. A meeting of the task force shall
40 be called at the request of six of the task force's members and six
41 members of the task force shall constitute a quorum at any meeting
42 thereof.

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44 5. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall
45 provide such clerical and other administrative assistants, and such
46 professional staff, as the task force requires to carry out its work.

- 1 address and remedy the issues and concerns, including legislation if
- 2 appropriate.
- 3 The task force will issue a final report containing its findings and
- 4 recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation
- 5 that it deems appropriate, no later than six months after the task
- 6 force organizes.