

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 20

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SYNOPSIS

Urges United States Department of Defense and New Jersey Civil Service Commission to permit civil service examinations during deployment.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** urging the United States Department of
2 Defense and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to work
3 together and permit civil service examinations during
4 deployment.

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6 **WHEREAS**, United States military service members serve this country
7 with honor and dignity; and

8 **WHEREAS**, They leave their families, friends and jobs and put their
9 lives at risk for this country; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Some return home and are able to go back to their former
11 work, while others find that they no longer have a job and are
12 unemployed; and

13 **WHEREAS**, While service members are on active duty, civil service
14 examinations are given but the service members are not permitted
15 to participate due to their deployment; and

16 **WHEREAS**, The New Jersey Civil Service Commission (CSC)
17 currently offers computer based testing for management and
18 supervisory level positions in proctored environments with several
19 candidates being tested at one time in multiple locations; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The United States Department of Defense (DOD) should
21 coordinate with the CSC so that each branch of the military and
22 commanding officers could proctor civil service examinations; and

23 **WHEREAS**, A coordinated effort by the CSC and the DOD providing
24 the ability to participate in civil service examinations during
25 deployment would result in service members being in the civil
26 service system when an employment eligibility list is requested by a
27 public employer seeking to hire, increasing their chances of finding
28 employment; and

29 **WHEREAS**, It is in the best interest of our military service members
30 who put their lives at risk and make so many sacrifices, to have
31 every opportunity to find employment after their service; now,
32 therefore,

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34 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
35 *State of New Jersey:*

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37 1. The State of New Jersey urges the United States Department
38 of Defense to work in partnership with the New Jersey Civil Service
39 Commission to allow deployed military service members to take
40 civil service examinations while deployed.

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42 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
43 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly or the
44 Secretary of the Senate to each member of Congress elected from
45 this State, to the Secretary of the United States Department of
46 Defense, the Adjutant General of the New Jersey Department of
47 Military and Veterans Affairs, and the chair of the New Jersey Civil
48 Service Commission.

1 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This joint resolution urges the United States Department of
7 Defense and the New Jersey Civil Service Commission to work
8 together to permit deployed military service members to take civil
9 service examinations while deployed. The ability to participate in
10 civil service examinations during deployment would result in
11 service members being in the civil service system when an
12 employment eligibility list is requested by a public employer
13 seeking to hire, increasing their chances of finding employment
14 after their service. Service members would still need to provide
15 proof of veteran status no later than eight days prior to the issuance
16 of an employment list to receive a hiring preference.