



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 211

February Session, 2014



AN ACT CONCERNING THE SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to develop a strategic plan for the future of the Soldiers, Sailors and
3 Marines Fund. The task force shall consider whether such fund should
4 be administered by a state agency, the American Legion or any
5 combination thereof.

6 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

7 (1) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or the commissioner's
8 designee;

9 (2) The administrator of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund, or
10 the administrator's designee;

11 (3) The department commander of the American Legion, or the
12 department commander's designee;

13 (4) The department commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, or the
14 department commander's designee;

15 (5) The department commander of American Veterans, or the
16 department commander's designee;

17 (6) The department commander of Disabled American Veterans, or
18 the department commander's designee;

19 (7) Two appointed by the Governor;

20 (8) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

21 (9) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

22 (10) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
23 Representatives;

24 (11) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

25 (12) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
26 Representatives;

27 (13) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

28 (14) The State Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee; and

29 (15) The two chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the
30 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
31 affairs.

32 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
33 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
34 filled by the appointing authority.

35 (d) The two chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans'
37 affairs shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons
38 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
39 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

40 (e) Not later than January 1, 2015, the task force shall submit a
41 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
42 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

43 relating to veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of
44 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
45 the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2015, whichever is
46 later.

47 Sec. 2. Sections 121 and 122 of public act 13-247 are repealed.
48 (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

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