



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5416**

February Session, 2016

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT AND VETERANS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Labor Commissioner  
2 shall establish a Special Operations Resource Network to serve as a  
3 clearinghouse for veterans and members of the armed forces and  
4 National Guard who have acquired, as part of their military training,  
5 knowledge, experience or a set of skills most compatible with certain  
6 professional opportunities. The Labor Commissioner, in consultation  
7 with the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant General,  
8 shall develop a database in which such veterans and members are  
9 categorized based on the types of military training received and cross-  
10 referenced against certain professional opportunities for purposes of  
11 pairing any such veteran or member with any such professional  
12 opportunity. Any veteran or member of the armed forces or National  
13 Guard may apply for inclusion in such database by submitting (1)  
14 evidence of the military training received by such veteran or member  
15 describing the particular knowledge, experience or set of skills  
16 acquired, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such veteran's military  
17 discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The Labor  
18 Commissioner shall evaluate any such application, include such  
19 veteran or member in such database, and so categorize such veteran or  
20 member as described in this section. The Labor Commissioner shall

21 update such database weekly and shall publish such database on the  
22 Labor Department's Internet web site. Any person interested in hiring  
23 any such veteran or member included in such database shall contact  
24 the department through a dedicated telephone number and the  
25 department shall facilitate contact between such person and such  
26 veteran or member. For the purposes of this section, (A) "veteran"  
27 means any person who was discharged or released under conditions  
28 other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces, (B)  
29 "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of  
30 the general statutes, and (C) "military discharge document" has the  
31 same meaning as provided in section 1-219 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

**LAB**      *Joint Favorable*