



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 322

LCO No. 2088



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SERVICE MEMBERS DURING THE FIRST THIRTY DAYS AFTER RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) The Adjutant General,
2 in consultation with various department heads, as defined in section 4-
3 5 of the general statutes, shall develop a conference for members of the
4 armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the
5 general statutes, who are domiciled in this state and have returned
6 from deployment. Such conference shall be presented to such members
7 not later than thirty days after such members have returned to the state
8 from deployment. Such conference shall focus on outreach efforts by
9 various state agencies and opportunities for such agencies to provide
10 assistance to such returning members. The Adjutant General shall (1)
11 provide space in any armory of the state for the presentation of such
12 conference, provided the Adjutant General shall give due
13 consideration to the convenience of such returning members, and (2)
14 invite the members of any other military unit in the state to attend
15 such conference.

16 (b) The department heads with whom the Adjutant General
17 consults, in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, may include,
18 but not be limited to, the Commissioner of Correction, the
19 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the
20 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Labor
21 Commissioner, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction
22 Services, the Commissioner of Social Services, the Commissioner of
23 Motor Vehicles, the Commissioner of Housing, the Commissioner of
24 Early Childhood and the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, the
25 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, and the
26 president of the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut,
27 or the designee of any such official.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To strengthen outreach efforts of state agencies to members of the armed forces during the first thirty days after such members' return from deployments.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]