
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 229

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

SUMMARY

This bill gives five bonus points to certain armed forces members who achieve a passing score on initial state and municipal civil service examinations. Under the bill, to be eligible, the service member must be in the final year of an enlistment contract with any branch of the armed forces. Existing law provides similar benefits to certain wartime veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

BACKGROUND

Civil Service Exam Benefit for Wartime Veterans

By law, a wartime veteran eligible for or receiving Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation or pension receives 10 bonus points on initial state and municipal civil service examinations; a wartime veteran ineligible for VA disability compensation or pension is eligible for five bonus points (CGS §§ 5-224 and 7-415).

By law, if an honorably discharged or released veteran has served in a military action and received or is entitled to receive a campaign badge or expeditionary medal and is not otherwise eligible to receive bonus points, he or she qualifies for five bonus points if he or she receives passing grade on the examination (CGS § 5-224).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/14/2018)