



**PA 18-44—SB 229**

*Veterans' Affairs Committee*

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

**SUMMARY:** This act gives five bonus points to certain armed forces members who achieve a passing score on initial state civil service examinations. To be eligible, the service member must be in the final year of an enlistment contract with any branch of the armed forces. "Armed forces" means the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Air Force, or any reserve component, including the National Guard performing duty under Title 32 of federal law (e.g., certain Homeland Security missions). 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 disability compensation or pension benefits, and unable to pursue gainful employment because of the disability, receives 10 bonus points on initial state and municipal civil service examinations; a wartime veteran ineligible for these benefits is eligible for five bonus points (CGS §§ 5-224 & 7-415).

By law, if an honorably discharged or released veteran 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 a passing grade on the state civil service examination (CGS § 5-224).

*Related Act*

PA 18-47 (§ 4), among other things, gives five state civil service exam bonus points to veterans who (1) were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable or for bad conduct and (2) have a "qualifying condition" (e.g., a post-traumatic stress disorder diagnosis).