



Substitute House Bill No. 5234

Public Act No. 18-106

AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS.

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

Section 1. Section 27-100b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

(a) As used in this section, (1) "member" means a member of the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, including the Connecticut National Guard, [who is on active duty and] who is a resident of this state, (2) "department" means the Military Department, (3) "services" includes, but is not limited to, repairs, gardening, transportation, babysitting, tutoring, cooking, office work or any other services that a member, [or] veteran, member's or veteran's family or the department would find helpful, [and (3)] (4) "local organizations" includes not-for-profit organizations that serve members, [and] veterans and [their] members' or veterans' families, and other organizations that seek to [volunteer] provide voluntary services to members, [and their] veterans, members' or veterans' families or the department, (5) "veteran" has the same meaning as provided in subsection (a) of section 27-103, and (6) "volunteer" means any individual who seeks to provide voluntary services to members, veterans, members' or veterans' families or the department.

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(b) The [family program of the Connecticut National Guard] department shall establish, within its family program, a volunteer service program in which a volunteer service coordinator coordinates with municipalities, [and] local organizations and volunteers throughout the state to provide voluntary services [by volunteers] to members, [and their] veterans, members' or veterans' families [. No person shall volunteer] or the department. Such volunteer service coordinator shall not coordinate the provision of voluntary services for any [services for which] service that requires a license, certificate of registration, permit or other credentials issued by a state agency [is required unless such person] unless the volunteer holds [such] the required license, certificate of registration, permit or other credentials.

(c) The volunteer services coordinator shall identify municipalities, [and] local organizations and volunteers that provide [volunteer] voluntary services to members, [and their] veterans or members' or veterans' families in communities throughout the state or to the department and shall [assist such municipalities and local organizations] facilitate the provision of such services.

(d) On or before January 31, [2006] 2019, and annually thereafter, the [family program of the Connecticut National Guard] department shall report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' and military affairs, in accordance with section 11-4a, on the voluntary services [provided by volunteers to members throughout the state, including, but not limited to, the level of services in different geographical areas] received under the volunteer service program by members, veterans, members' or veterans' families or the department during the previous calendar year.

Sec. 2. Section 27-100e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

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The Military Department, through its family program, [of the Connecticut National Guard] shall publicize to all members of the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103, including the Connecticut National Guard, and their families the availability throughout the state of therapy support groups for such members and their families. The publicity shall include contact information for referral to support groups in locations that are convenient for such members and their families.

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