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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRAINING
MANUAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM ON CERTAIN HEALTH
CONDITIONS COMMON TO VETERANS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) (1) The Commissioner
2 of Veterans Affairs shall develop, within available resources, a training
3 manual for employers on the topic of mental health conditions
4 common to veterans, including post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of
5 suicide, depression and grief. Such training manual shall provide
6 guidance on (A) identifying the signs and symptoms of such mental
7 health conditions, and (B) assisting employees who are veterans and
8 who exhibit such signs and symptoms in the workplace. Such training
9 manual shall be published on the respective Internet web sites of the
10 Department of Veterans Affairs and the Labor Department.

11 (2) For purposes of this subsection, "employer" means a person
12 engaged in business who has employees, including the state and any
13 political subdivisions of the state.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Veterans Affairs shall develop, within
15 available resources, a training program for providers of vocational
16 rehabilitation services, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 17b-650
17 of the general statutes, on the topic of mental health conditions
18 common to veterans, including post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of
19 suicide, depression and grief. Such training program shall provide
20 guidance on (1) identifying the signs and symptoms of such mental
21 health conditions, and (2) assisting recipients of vocational
22 rehabilitation services who are veterans and who exhibit such signs
23 and symptoms in the course of receiving such services. Such training
24 program shall be used by the Department of Rehabilitation Services in
25 training or instruction provided by said department pursuant to
26 subsection (b) of section 17b-655 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to develop (1) a training manual for employers on certain veterans' health issues, and (2) a training program for vocational rehabilitation service providers on such issues.

[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.]