

Veterans' Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-951

AN ACT CONCERNING VETERAN ENROLLMENT IN CERTAIN ALTERNATE

Title: ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS.

Vote Date: 3/12/2019

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/7/2019

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee
Sen. Saud Anwar

REASONS FOR BILL:

While all members of the armed forces acquire valuable skills during their service, some have a harder time than others transitioning back into civilian life. It is the hope of S.B. No. 951 that, by reserving fifteen percent of available seats for veterans in certain alternate route to certification programs, it will be easier for veterans to become certified educators, thereby providing rewarding careers to our veterans and exposing our children to the experiences and perspectives of those who have served.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed for S.B. No. 951

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Daniel C. Thurston, Chairman, Connecticut Veterans and Military Coalition](#): Mr. Thurston testified that the CVMC supports S.B. No. 951, as it provides veterans an opportunity to adapt the skills they acquired while in service to careers for their future.

[Stephen Kennedy, Connecticut Team Leader, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America](#): Mr. Kennedy testified that S.B. No. 951 could help ease the transition from the military to civilian life, something that can be exceptionally challenging. Additionally, Mr. Kennedy mentioned veterans have a demonstrated history of service, and that a program like S.B. No. 951 could help veterans settle in and put down roots in Connecticut.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed for S.B. No. 951

Reported by: Benjamin S. Watson, Asst. Clerk Date: March 19th, 2019