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Enabling Legislation

Substitute House Bill No. 5387

Special Act No. 13-5

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE USE OF MILITARY
OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY TRAINING AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR STATE LICENSING
REQUIREMENTS.

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

Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a task force to study the use of military occupational specialty training experience to satisfy training requirements for state licensing purposes. The purpose of the task force is to aid veterans in securing employment. For the purposes of this section, "state licensing" shall include, but not be limited to, occupational licensing, professional licensing and trade licensing. The task force shall examine military occupational specialty training and determine if any such training is equivalent to that required for state licensing purposes. The task force shall recommend specific substitutions of state licensing training requirements with military occupational specialty training.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) The Adjutant General of the Military Department, or the Adjutant General's designee;
- (3) The executive director of the Office of Military Affairs, or the executive director's designee;
- (4) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- (5) The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or the president's designee;
- (6) The executive director of the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, or the executive director's designee;
- (7) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioner's designee;

- (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;
 - (9) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - (10) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
 - (11) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;
 - (12) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
 - (13) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and
 - (14) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.
- (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
- (d) The members appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall be the chairpersons of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.
- (e) Not later than January 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1, 2014, whichever is later.

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