

1 B. As the state's principal assistance organization under the
2 United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program for
3 qualified businesses in this state and for transitioning
4 servicemembers who reside in, or who wish to reside in, this state,
5 the Department shall:

6 1. Establish and maintain, as applicable, its certification for
7 the SkillBridge program or any other similar workforce training and
8 transition programs established by the United States Department of
9 Defense;

10 2. Educate businesses, business associations, and transitioning
11 servicemembers on the SkillBridge program and its benefits, and
12 educate military command and personnel within the state on
13 opportunities available to transitioning servicemembers through the
14 SkillBridge program;

15 3. Assist businesses in obtaining approval for skilled
16 workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge program,
17 including, but not limited to, apprenticeships, internships, or
18 fellowships; and

19 4. Match transitioning servicemembers who are deemed eligible
20 for SkillBridge participation by their military command with
21 training opportunities offered by the corporation or participating
22 businesses, with the intent of having transitioning servicemembers
23 achieve gainful employment in this state upon completion of their
24 SkillBridge training.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
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