

1 **REAUTHORIZATION OF VETERANS REINTEGRATION**

2 **TASK FORCE**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

6 House Sponsor: Tim M. Cosgrove

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill recreates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ recreates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force and limits its composition to not
14 more than 21 members;

15 ▶ requires the task force to further study the difficulties encountered by returning
16 servicemembers after deployments and create a statewide action plan for assisting
17 with:

- 18 • reintegration into communities;
- 19 • finding employment;
- 20 • pursuing education; and
- 21 • locating services for veterans;
- 22 ▶ charges the task force with creating a statewide action plan for collaborating,
23 assisting, and coordinating with reintegration; and
- 24 ▶ requires that the task force report to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

25 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

26 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2012-13:

- 27 ▶ To the Senate, as a one-time appropriation:
 - 28 • from the General Fund, \$4,000, to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task
29 Force; and

- 30 ▶ To the House of Representatives, as a one-time appropriation:
- 31 • from the General Fund, \$6,000, to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task
- 32 Force.

33 **Other Special Clauses:**

34 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2013.

35 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

36 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



38 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

39 Section 1. **Veterans Reintegration Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --**

40 **Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

41 (1) There is created the Veterans Reintegration Task Force consisting of no more than
42 21 members, including the following:

43 (a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
44 one of whom may be from the same political party;

45 (b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
46 House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

47 (c) the executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the director's
48 designee;

49 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
50 designee;

51 (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

52 (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's
53 designee;

54 (g) the director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the
55 director's designee;

56 (h) a representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts who is
57 knowledgeable in court services and availability, appointed by the Judicial Council;

58 (i) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the Adjutant General;
59 (j) the Employment Services for Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;
60 (k) a representative from the Board of Regents;
61 (l) a representative from the League of Cities and Towns;
62 (m) members added to the task force by the members during the 2012 Interim; and
63 (n) any other representatives of agencies or organizations the task force considers
64 necessary to complete its charge.

65 (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
66 under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

67 (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House
68 of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

69 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a
70 majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

71 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall
72 be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
73 Expense and Mileage Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions,
74 and Veto Override Sessions.

75 (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation
76 for their work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for
77 travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division
78 of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

79 (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support
80 to the task force.

81 **Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.**

82 (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

83 (a) difficulties encountered by service members returning from deployments or
84 veterans who have been separated from military service, including:

85 (i) regaining employment;

- 86 (ii) managing finances;
- 87 (iii) suicide prevention; and
- 88 (iv) obtaining assistance with deployment and service related health issues;
- 89 (b) creation of a statewide action plan for returning service members, veterans and their
- 90 families; and
- 91 (c) coordination of resources across state and local governments to assist service
- 92 members, veterans, and their families.

93 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the
 94 Government Operations Interim Committee before November 30, 2013.

95 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

96 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 97 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
 98 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
 99 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any
 100 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

101	<u>To Legislature - Senate</u>	
102	<u>From General Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
103	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
104	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
105	<u>To Legislature - House of Representatives</u>	
106	<u>From General Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
107	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
108	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>

109 **Section 4. Repeal date.**

110 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2013.