

1 **REAUTHORIZATION OF VETERANS REINTEGRATION**

2 **TASK FORCE**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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

6 House Sponsor: Tim M. Cosgrove

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LONG TITLE

8 **Committee Note:**

9 The Veterans Reintegration Task Force recommended this bill.

10 Membership: 5 legislators 15 non-legislators

11 Legislative Vote: 5 voting for 0 voting against 0 absent

12 **General Description:**

13 This bill recreates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This bill:

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

18 ▶ requires the task force to further study the difficulties encountered by returning
19 servicemembers after deployments and creates a statewide action plan for assisting
20 with:

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22 • reintegration into communities;

23 • finding employment;

24 • pursuing education; and

25 • locating services for veterans;

26 ▶ charges the task force with creating a statewide action plan for collaborating,
27 assisting, and coordinating with reintegration; and



28 ▶ requires that the task force report to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

29 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

30 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2013-14:

31 ▶ To the Senate, as a one-time appropriation:

32 • from the General Fund, \$6,000, to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task
33 Force; and

34 ▶ To the House of Representatives, as a one-time appropriation:

35 • from the General Fund, \$9,000, to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task
36 Force.

37 **Other Special Clauses:**

38 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2014.

39 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

40 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL



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

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

44 **Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**

45 (1) There is created the Veterans Reintegration Task Force consisting of no more than
46 21 members, including the following:

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

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

51 (c) the executive director of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs or the
52 director's designee;

53 (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
54 designee;

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

56 (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's
57 designee;

58 (g) the director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the

59 director's designee;

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

62 (i) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the adjutant general;

63 (j) the Transition Assistance Advisor for the employment services for the National
64 Guard and Reserve;

65 (k) a representative from the Board of Regents;

66 (l) a representative from the League of Cities and Towns;

67 (m) members added to the task force by the members during the 2012 interim; and

68 (n) any other representatives of agencies or organizations the task force considers
69 necessary to complete its charge.

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

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

74 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum. The action of a
75 majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

76 (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall
77 be paid in accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,
78 Legislator Compensation.

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

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

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

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

87 (a) difficulties encountered by servicemembers returning from deployments or veterans
88 who have been separated from military service, including:

89 (i) regaining employment;

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

97 (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the
 98 Government Operations Interim Committee before November 30, 2014.

99 **Section 3. Appropriation.**

100 Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the
 101 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
 102 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
 103 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014. These are additions to any
 104 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2014.

105	<u>To Legislature - Senate</u>	
106	<u>From General Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
107	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
108	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
109	<u>To Legislature - House of Representatives</u>	
110	<u>From General Fund, one-time</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
111	<u>Schedule of Programs:</u>	
112	<u>Administration</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>

113 **Section 4. Repeal date.**

114 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2014.