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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5385

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5385, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is  
6 amended by adding Section 16 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2805/16 new)

8 Sec. 16. SkillBridge program. Subject to appropriation for  
9 this purpose, the Department shall serve as the State's  
10 principal assistance organization under the United States  
11 Department of Defense's SkillBridge program for employers and  
12 transitioning service members. As the State's principal  
13 assistance organization under the United States Department of  
14 Defense's SkillBridge program for qualified businesses in this  
15 State and for transitioning service members who reside in, or  
16 who wish to reside in, this State, the Department shall:

1           (1) establish and maintain, as applicable, its  
2           certification for the SkillBridge program or any other  
3           similar workforce training and transition programs  
4           established by the United States Department of Defense;

5           (2) educate businesses, business associations, and  
6           transitioning service members regarding the SkillBridge  
7           program and its benefits, and educate military command and  
8           personnel within the State on the opportunities available  
9           to transitioning service members through the SkillBridge  
10          program;

11          (3) assist businesses in obtaining approval for  
12          skilled workforce training curricula under the SkillBridge  
13          program, including, but not limited to, apprenticeships,  
14          internships, or fellowships; and

15          (4) match transitioning service members who are deemed  
16          eligible for SkillBridge participation by their military  
17          command with training opportunities offered by  
18          participating businesses, with the intent of having  
19          transitioning service members achieve gainful employment  
20          in this State upon completion of their SkillBridge  
21          training.

22          The Department may adopt any rules necessary to implement  
23          this Section."