

SB2411



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/14/2008, by Sen. Deanna Demuzio

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/30 new

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Creates the Task Force on Servicemember and Veterans Education. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force and the duties of the Task Force.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by adding Section 30 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/30 new)

7 Sec. 30. Task Force on Servicemember and Veterans
8 Education.

9 (a) The Task Force on Servicemember and Veterans Education
10 is created. The Task Force shall be chaired by the Lieutenant
11 Governor and shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) one member appointed by the Governor;

13 (2) one member appointed by the President of the
14 Senate;

15 (3) one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

16 (4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives;

18 (5) one member appointed by the House Minority Leader;

19 (6) one member appointed by the Director of Veterans'
20 Affairs; and

21 (7) one member designated by the Department of Military
22 Affairs, appointed by the Adjutant General.

23 Vacancies in the Task Force shall be filled by the initial

1 appointing authority. Task Force members shall serve without
2 compensation, but may be reimbursed from appropriations
3 available for that purpose for necessary expenses incurred in
4 performing duties associated with the Task Force.

5 Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory
6 Act of the 95th General Assembly, the Task Force must issue a
7 report to the General Assembly, including draft legislative
8 language and draft administrative rules, designed to do the
9 following:

10 (1) assist public universities and community colleges
11 throughout the State in developing an Internet-based
12 curriculum of higher education courses for credit,
13 tailored specifically to the needs of active duty
14 servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed
15 Forces, with a particular emphasis on addressing the unique
16 needs of servicemembers who are stationed abroad; and

17 (2) create on-campus veterans' centers at each public
18 university and community college within the State to assist
19 veterans in applying for financial aid and other benefits
20 that may be available to them; on-campus centers shall be
21 staffed by veterans and those intimately familiar with the
22 needs and concerns of veterans.