

Amendment No. 592

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 210	(BDR 37-125)
Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Government Affairs	
Amendment Box: Replaces Amendment No. 377.	
Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes	

Adoption of this amendment will ADD an appropriation where one does not currently exist in A.B. 210.

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red-strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 4/20/2019

A.B. No. 210—Revises provisions related to veterans. (BDR 37-125)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 210—ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions related to veterans. (BDR ~~[27-125]~~ 34-125)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the ~~[Director]~~ Board of ~~[the Department]~~ Regents of ~~[Veterans Services]~~ the University of Nevada to appoint a ~~[veterans resource]~~ veteran outreach coordinator for each institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education; ~~[requiring the Director to provide certain information at transition assistance programs for veterans; setting forth certain duties for veterans service officers employed by the Department; requiring the Director to provide certain training to veterans service officers; requiring the Director to conduct a census of veterans;]~~ making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

~~[Existing law creates the Department of Veterans Services and requires the Director and Deputy Director of the Department to undertake certain activities to support veterans in this State. (NRS 417.020, 417.030, 417.090)] Under existing law, the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada administers the Nevada System of Higher Education, which consists of the University of Nevada and other educational institutions, programs and operations. (NRS 396.020)~~

Section 2 of this bill requires the ~~[Director]~~ Board of Regents to appoint a ~~[veterans resource]~~ veteran outreach coordinator for each institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education to provide certain assistance and information to veterans and members of the military who are students at the institution.

~~[— Section 3 of this bill requires the Director to present information at every transition assistance program sponsored or organized by the Department that explains the benefits, services, entitlements and opportunities available to veterans.]~~

~~[— Section 4 of this bill requires each veterans service officer of the Department to: (1) develop cooperative working relationships with each advocate for veterans assigned to the officer by the Director; and (2) contact each such advocate on a quarterly basis.]~~

~~[— Section 5 of this bill requires the Director to: (1) ensure each person who participates as an advocate for veterans in this State in a volunteer program sponsored by the Department is assigned to a veterans service officer employed by the Department that will offer assistance to the volunteer; and (2) provide semiannual training to each veterans service officer employed by the Department regarding the benefits, services, programs and assistance available to veterans.]~~

~~[— Section 6 of this bill requires the Director to conduct a statewide census of veterans before December 31, 2020.]~~

Section 6.5 of this bill makes an appropriation of \$483,000 to the Nevada System of Higher Education for Fiscal Years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to pay the costs of employing such veteran outreach coordinators.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

~~Section 1. [Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

Sec. 2. Chapter 396 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The [Director] Board of Regents of the University of Nevada shall appoint a [veterans resource] veteran outreach coordinator for each institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education. A [veterans resource] veteran outreach coordinator appointed pursuant to this section must be a veteran.

2. Each [veterans resource] veteran outreach coordinator shall:

(a) Conduct outreach to, and provide assistance designed for, the unique needs of veterans and members of the military who are students at the institution.

(b) Develop and distribute information to veterans and members of the military who are students at the institution regarding benefits which are available through agencies and programs that provide services and resources to veterans and members of the military who are students.

(c) Provide assistance in applying for and obtaining benefits which are available through agencies and programs that provide services and resources to veterans and members of the military who are students.

(d) Provide notice to private postsecondary institutions, trade schools and vocational schools within the community surrounding the institution of the briefings, career fairs and other events or programs for veterans and members of the military that are held at the institution.

~~Sec. 3. [The Director or his or her designee shall present information at every transition assistance program sponsored or organized by the Department that explains the benefits, services, entitlements and opportunities available to veterans.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

~~Sec. 4. [Each veterans service officer of the Department shall:~~

~~— 1. Develop cooperative working relationships with each advocate for veterans assigned to the officer by the Director.~~

~~— 2. Contact each advocate for veterans assigned to the officer by the Director at least on a quarterly basis to discuss, without limitation, the services and benefits available to veterans and issues relating to veterans who are eligible for those services.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

~~Sec. 5. [NRS 417.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:~~

~~417.090 1. The Director shall:~~

~~(a) Assist veterans, and those presently serving in the military and naval forces of the United States who are residents of the State of Nevada, their spouses, widows, widowers, children, dependents, administrators, executors and personal representatives, in preparing, submitting and presenting any claim against the United States, or any state, for adjusted compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training, education or rehabilitation and assist them in obtaining any aid or benefit to which they may, from time to time, be entitled under the laws of the United States or of any of the states.~~

~~— (b) Aid, assist, encourage and cooperate with every service organization recognized nationally or in this State insofar as the activities of such organizations are for the benefit of veterans, servicemen and servicewomen.~~

~~— (c) Give aid, assistance and counsel to each and every problem, question and situation, individual as well as collective, affecting any veteran, serviceman or servicewoman, or their dependents, or any group of veterans, servicemen and servicewomen, when in their opinion such comes within the scope of this chapter.~~

~~— (d) Coordinate activities of veterans' organizations.~~

~~— (e) Serve as a clearinghouse and disseminate information relating to veterans' benefits.~~

~~— (f) Conduct any studies which will assist veterans to obtain compensation, hospitalization, insurance, pension, disability compensation, vocational training, education, rehabilitation or any other benefit to which veterans may be entitled under the laws of the United States or of any state.~~

~~— (g) Aid, assist and cooperate with the office of coordinator of services for veterans created in a county pursuant to NRS 244.401.~~

~~— (h) Pay to each county that creates the office of coordinator of services for veterans, from state money available to him or her, a portion of the cost of operating the office in an amount determined by the Director.~~

~~— (i) Take possession of any abandoned or unclaimed artifacts or other property that has military or historical value for safekeeping. The Director may:~~

~~— (1) Transfer such an artifact or other property to:~~

~~— (I) The Nevada State Museum or the Nevada Historical Society, upon its written request, if the artifact or other property has, in the opinion of the requesting institution, historical value and is worthy of preservation; or~~

~~— (II) Any other governmental agency or nonprofit entity, including, without limitation, a veterans' organization and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, upon its written request, if the artifact or other property was not requested by the Nevada State Museum or the Nevada Historical Society; or~~

~~— (2) Destroy or otherwise dispose of the artifact or other property.~~

~~— An action may not be maintained by any person against the holder or former holder of an artifact or other property because of the transfer, destruction or other disposal of the artifact or other property pursuant to this paragraph.~~

~~— (j) Develop plans and programs to assist veterans who have suffered sexual trauma while on active duty or during military training.~~

~~— (k) Create and maintain a statewide database of information relating to veterans to assist the Department in identifying and communicating with veterans and connecting veterans with benefits and opportunities for which they are eligible.~~

~~— (l) Create and maintain a registry of governmental agencies and private entities that provide services and resources to veterans, service members and their families and publish a digital copy of the registry on the Internet website maintained by the Department.~~

~~— (m) Ensure that each generation of veterans is recognized annually through a ceremony, information campaign or other form of public acknowledgment.~~

~~— (n) Ensure that each person who participates as an advocate for veterans in this State in a volunteer program sponsored by the Department is assigned to a veterans service officer employed by the Department that will offer assistance to the volunteer.~~

~~— (o) Provide semiannual training to each veterans service officer employed by the Department regarding the benefits, services, programs and assistance available to veterans.~~

~~— 2. The Director shall:~~

~~— (a) Establish an internal policy for guidance to employees of the Department regarding the transfer, destruction or other disposal of artifacts and other property pursuant to paragraph (i) of subsection 1; and~~

~~— (b) Post the policy on the Internet website maintained by the Department.]~~
(Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6. ~~1. The Director of the Department of Veterans Services shall on or before December 31, 2020, conduct a statewide census of veterans. The census must include, without limitation, collecting the following information from every veteran:~~

~~— (a) Name, address, phone number and electronic mail address;~~

~~— (b) Dates of service in the military or military reserves;~~

~~— (c) The branch of the Armed Forces to which the veteran was a member;~~

~~— (d) The highest rank that the veteran reached in military service;~~

~~— (e) Whether the veteran incurred a service-connected disability and, if so, the percentage of such disability;~~

~~— (f) Whether the veteran requested additional information regarding information or services provided by the Department and, if so, a summary of such requested information;~~

~~2. The Director or his or her designee shall provide to every veteran during the census information about:~~

~~— (a) Benefits, entitlements or services that the veteran may qualify to apply for or receive; and~~

~~— (b) Any event for veterans that may be of interest to the veteran;~~

~~3. Every state agency or local government shall cooperate with the Director with respect to requests for information related to veterans;~~

~~4. The Director may contract with a qualified vendor or provider of technical assistance to assist the Director in carrying out the provisions of this section;~~

~~5. As used in this section, "veteran" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 417.005.]~~
(Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 6.5. **1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Nevada System of Higher Education to carry out the provisions of section 2 of this act the following sums:**

For the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 \$483,000

For the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 \$483,000

2. Any balance of the sums appropriated by subsection 1 remaining at the end of the respective fiscal years must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2020, and September 17, 2021, respectively.

Sec. 7. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.