
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR
CITIZENS, VETERANS AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

MARCH 11, 2021

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Expresses support for the creation of a retirement plan for spouses of members of the military. (BDR R-384)

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

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Federal Government to address the issue of spouses of members of the military losing retirement benefits due to frequent relocations by creating a retirement plan that is funded by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

1 WHEREAS, Historically, the State of Nevada has honored the
2 sacrifices that members of the military and their families have made
3 to protect our freedoms by providing veterans and members of the
4 military certain benefits and rehabilitative services; and

5 WHEREAS, Nevada state law currently requires the Director of
6 the Department of Veterans Services to assist veterans and those
7 persons presently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States
8 who are residents of the State of Nevada and their spouses, domestic
9 partners, widows, widowers, children, dependents, administrators,
10 executors and personal representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the RAND National Defense Research
12 Institute, research has found that spouses of members of the military
13 have lower earnings and employment than comparable persons who
14 are married to civilians and that relocating because of military
15 service is associated with lower spousal earnings; and



1 WHEREAS, Permanently relocating because of a change of duty
2 station has been shown by the RAND National Defense Research
3 Institute to reduce earnings of spouses of members of the military
4 and may threaten the ability of such persons to support themselves
5 financially in retirement; and

6 WHEREAS, A study by the RAND National Defense Research
7 Institute suggests that programs designed to mitigate the adverse
8 impacts on careers of spouses of members of the military associated
9 with permanent relocation because of a change of duty station may
10 have meaningful impacts on the financial well-being of families of
11 members of the military by improving current earnings and the
12 ability of members of the military and their spouses to support
13 themselves financially in retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense, through
15 the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, administers the
16 military retirement system, which is a government-funded benefit
17 system that includes monthly compensation for qualified retirees
18 from the active duty and reserve forces of the military, disability
19 benefits for those deemed medically unfit to serve and a survivor
20 annuity program for the eligible survivors of deceased retirees; and

21 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense currently
22 offers several programs to assist military spouses advance their
23 careers and educational goals, such as the Military Spouse
24 Employment Partnership and My Career Advancement Accounts,
25 mainly through the Office of Military Community and Family
26 Policy of the Department; and

27 WHEREAS, The Department of Defense Appropriations Act
28 appropriates funding to the United States Department of Defense for
29 military activities; and

30 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Defense does not
31 currently have a plan or program that provides retirement benefits to
32 spouses of members of the military; now, therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
34 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 81st Session of the
35 Nevada Legislature express support for the creation of a retirement
36 plan to resolve the issue of the loss of retirement benefits for
37 spouses of members of the military due to frequent relocations; and
38 be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the members of the 81st Session of the Nevada
40 Legislature urge the Federal Government to create and implement a
41 retirement plan that addresses the loss of retirement benefits for
42 spouses of members of the military due to frequent relocations that
43 is funded by the Department of Defense Appropriations Act; and be
44 it further



1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
2 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
3 States, Vice President of the United States as presiding officer of the
4 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
5 each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the United
6 States Secretary of the Department of Defense and the Governor of
7 the State of Nevada; and be it further
8 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
9 passage.

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