The Florida Senate

COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND DOMESTIC SECURITY Senator Wright, Chair Senator Collins, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

TIME: 3:30—5:30 p.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wright, Chair; Senator Collins, Vice Chair; Senators Burgess, Jones, Sharief, and Truenow

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 684 Avila (Identical H 965)	Credit for Military Service; Revising the initial date of employment for members who have military service and may receive creditable military service; revising the definition of the term "veteran" to include more recent periods of wartime service, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Favorable GO FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
2	SB 910 Collins (Identical H 277)	Veterans' Benefits Assistance; Prohibiting a person from receiving compensation for referring an individual to another person for advising, assisting, or consulting on veterans' benefits matters; requiring that persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters for compensation provide a specified written disclosure before entering into a business relationship with a client; prohibiting persons who advise, assist, or consult on veterans' benefits matters from charging certain fees, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Fav/CS CM RC	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0
3	SB 1528 Collins (Compare S 400)	Educational Opportunities for Military Children; Revising the repeal date of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; requiring that strategies addressed in specified memoranda of agreement between school districts and military installations include the development and implementation of a specified training module; requiring the Department of Education to provide the training module to each district school board, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Fav/CS AED FP	Fav/CS Yeas 5 Nays 0

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Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 3:30—5:30 p.m.

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4	SB 1464 Wright (Similar H 1361)	Veterans' Assistance; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs, subject to appropriation, to expand programs connecting veterans and their families and survivors to certain services, benefits, and support; requiring the department to host public events for such purpose; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature, etc. MS 03/18/2025 Favorable AHS FP	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
5	SB 1516 Wright (Similar H 793)	Aerospace Industry; Requiring Space Florida to administer the International Aerospace Innovation Fund; establishing the International Aerospace Innovation Fund; providing the purpose and duties of the fund; requiring Space Florida to establish an application process for projects seeking funding from the fund, etc.	Favorable Yeas 5 Nays 0
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