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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND SPACE**  
**Senator Wright, Chair**  
**Senator Cruz, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, February 7, 2019  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon  
**PLACE:** Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Wright, Chair; Senator Cruz, Vice Chair; Senators Broxson, Gainer, Harrell, Pizzo, and Torres

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 212</b> Wright	Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions, etc.  MS 02/07/2019 Favorable AP	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	Presentation by the Department of Veterans' Affairs		Not Considered
3	Presentations by the Defense Support Task Force and Florida Defense Alliance		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space

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BILL: SB 212

INTRODUCER: Senator Wright

SUBJECT: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

DATE: January 10, 2019

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Caldwell</u>	<u>MS</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____

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**I. Summary:**

SB 212 reenacts provisions of law establishing and implementing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) and provides for future legislative review and repeal of the Compact on July 1, 2022.

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

Children in active-duty military families face unique educational challenges. A military child changes schools on average three times more often than a non-military child.<sup>1</sup> When a parent is reassigned, a military child may be impacted by:

- Record transfer issues;
- Varied course sequencing and academic placement policies;
- Varied graduation requirements;
- Exclusion from extracurricular activities;
- Redundant or missed entrance or exit testing;
- Varied kindergarten and first grade entrance ages; and
- Having a temporary guardian appointed while the child's parent is deployed.<sup>2</sup>

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Compact) assists member states in uniformly addressing educational transition issues faced by active-duty military families. The compact governs member states in several areas, including school placement,

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). *All About DoDEA Educational Partnerships*, available at: <https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/about.cfm> (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

<sup>2</sup> Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, *Guide for Parents, School Officials and Public Administrators*, p. 2, available at: [http://www.mic3.net/assets/2018\\_parents\\_guide.pdf](http://www.mic3.net/assets/2018_parents_guide.pdf) (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

enrollment, records transfer, participation in academic programs and extracurricular activities, and graduation. The Compact was developed by the Council of State Governments, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense.

States join the Compact by enacting it into law, which Florida did in 2008.<sup>3</sup> Ten states must enact the Compact before it can take effect and be binding on member states. This occurred on July 9, 2008, when Delaware became the tenth state to adopt the Compact. Currently, all 50 states and the District of Columbia are members of the Compact.<sup>4</sup>

Students eligible for assistance under the Compact must receive public funding through the local education agency and be the children of:

- Active duty members of the uniformed services<sup>5</sup>, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active-duty orders;
- Members or veterans of the uniformed services who are severely injured and medically discharged or retired, for a period of one year following separation; and
- Members of the uniformed services who die on active duty or as a result of injuries sustained on active duty, for a period of one year after death.<sup>6</sup>

### ***Florida State Council***

The Compact requires member states to establish a State Council to coordinate implementation of the Compact.<sup>7</sup> While each state may determine the membership of its own State Council, membership must include, at a minimum, the following:

- State superintendent of education;
- Superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children;
- One representative from a military installation;
- One representative from the legislative branch of government; and
- One representative from the executive branch of government.<sup>8</sup>

Additionally, the state must appoint or designate a military family education liaison and a compact commissioner. Each of these appointees, unless already a full voting member of the council, shall serve as an ex officio member of the state council.<sup>9</sup> Florida's State Council conducts meetings on a quarterly basis, typically via teleconference.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Ch. 2008-225, L.O.F.

<sup>4</sup> Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, *Interactive Map*, available at: <http://www.mic3.net/interactive-map.html> (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

<sup>5</sup> "Uniformed services" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, as well as the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services. See Article II, s. R of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>6</sup> Article III, s. A of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Article VIII of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Article VIII, s. A of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Article VIII of the Compact and s. 1000.39(2)(e), F.S.

<sup>10</sup> See Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, Florida State Council Profile, available at: <http://www.mic3.net/florida.html> (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

### ***Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission***

The Compact establishes the Military Interstate Children’s Compact Commission (Commission) to provide national-level oversight of the Compact. The Commission may adopt and enforce rules and bylaws and perform various administrative functions necessary for day-to-day operations.<sup>11</sup> The Commission is comprised of one voting representative, or Compact Commissioner, from each member state.<sup>12</sup> Each state is entitled to one vote on Compact rule adoption or other business matters.<sup>13</sup> The Commission must meet at least once a year.<sup>14</sup>

The Commission is authorized to promulgate Compact rules which govern member states in the areas addressed by the Compact.<sup>15</sup> Compact rules have the force and effect of statutory law in member states and supersede conflicting member state laws to the extent of the conflict.<sup>16</sup> Compact rules must not exceed the scope of authority granted by the Compact. A majority of member state legislatures may invalidate a Compact rule by legislative action.<sup>17</sup>

### ***Review of Compact Rule Adoption***

Since its enactment in 2008, Florida’s Compact legislation has included a repeal provision which requires automatic repeal of the Compact after a period of time, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The repeal provision addresses concerns regarding unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority under Article II, s. 3 of the State Constitution. Because membership in the Compact entails an agreement to be bound by rules promulgated by a non-legislative entity, i.e., the Commission, the repeal provision allows the Legislature to periodically review Compact rules and determine whether it agrees with any new rules or rule amendments adopted during the intervening period.

The Legislature last reauthorized the Compact during the 2016 Regular Session,<sup>18</sup> and provided for repeal of the Compact on July 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

Since the 2016 legislative review, the Commission approved two substantive changes to the Compact rules. The amendments were adopted during the Commission’s Annual Business Meeting in October 2018,<sup>19</sup> and are discussed below.

### **Compact Rule 2.104 – Dues Formula**

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<sup>11</sup> Articles IX and X of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Article IX of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S. The voting representative from each state is the compact commissioner.

<sup>13</sup> Article IX, s. B of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Article IX, s. D of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>15</sup> See Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, Compact Rules, Adopted 2009, amended October 17, 2018, available at: <http://www.mic3.net/assets/rules-2018-revised-9-nov--2018.pdf> (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

<sup>16</sup> Article X, s. B and Article XVIII, s. B of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S. The Compact also provides that if any part of the Compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, the provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state. See Article XVIII, s. E of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>17</sup> Article XII, s. D. of the Compact, s. 1000.36, F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Chapter 2016-34, L.O.F.

<sup>19</sup> 2018 Annual Business meeting materials, available at: <http://mic3.net/2018-annual-meeting.html> (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

Member states pay annual dues to the Commission to fund its operations. Compact Rule 2.104 establishes the formula for assessing membership dues. The formula is based upon the number of military children eligible for transfer under the Compact. The Commission approved an amendment to Compact Rule 2.104 to adjust the state dues assessment formula. Effective Fiscal Year 2019-2020, annual dues increase from \$1.00 to \$1.15 per military child. Additionally, the amendment increased the minimum and maximum dues assessments, providing that no state dues assessment may exceed \$2,300 per year or be less than \$69,000. The prior minimum and maximum thresholds were \$2,000 and \$60,000, respectively.

As of September 7, 2018, 39,293 students from active-duty military families resided in Florida.<sup>20</sup>

Under the revised rule, Florida's estimated Compact membership dues assessment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 is \$45,187.<sup>21</sup> Florida's membership dues for Fiscal Year 2018-19 were \$42,813.<sup>22</sup>

#### Compact Rule 2.106 – State Councils

The Commission adopted Compact Rule 2.106 to require each state council to meet at least once per fiscal year and submit state council meeting dates, agendas, and minutes to the Interstate Commission office within 60 days following each state council meeting. Additionally, Compact Rule 1.101 was amended to define the term “state council” to correspond to the newly created Rule 2.106.<sup>23</sup> Florida's state council is an active council, meeting consistently on a quarterly basis.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill amends s. 1000.40, F.S., to reauthorize Florida's Compact legislation and provides for the repeal of the Compact statutes, ss. 1000.36, 1000.361, 1000.38, and 1000.39, F.S., on July 1, 2022, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

The bill takes effect upon becoming law.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

<sup>20</sup> Military Interstate Compact Commission, *MIC3 FY20 Dues and Active Duty Military Dependents (Ages 5-18)*, available at: [http://www.mic3.net/assets/copy-of-fy2020-dues\\_final.pdf](http://www.mic3.net/assets/copy-of-fy2020-dues_final.pdf) (last visited Jan. 16, 2019).

<sup>21</sup> Military Interstate Compact Commission, *MIC3 FY20 Dues and Active Duty Military Dependents (Ages 5-18)*. Available at: [http://www.mic3.net/assets/copy-of-fy2020-dues\\_final.pdf](http://www.mic3.net/assets/copy-of-fy2020-dues_final.pdf) (last visited Nov. 27, 2018). This amount shows an increase of \$2,373.99.

<sup>22</sup> The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 appropriated \$42,813 in recurring funds from General Revenue to the Department of Education to pay the dues. See line item 130, proviso, ch. 2018-9, L.O.F.

<sup>23</sup> Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, *2018 Compact Rule Changes* (Nov. 26, 2018)(on file with the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Space.) A “state council” is the council in each member state established under the Compact or the existing body or board designated by the member state to provide for multi-agency coordination of Compact activities (R. 1.101 of the Compact).

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

To address concerns regarding the delegation of legislative authority, the bill provides for automatic repeal of Florida's Compact legislation after a period of time, unless reauthorized by the Legislature.<sup>24</sup> Because membership in the Compact requires the state to agree to be bound by rules promulgated by a non-legislative entity, i.e., the Interstate Commission, the repeal provision allows the Legislature to periodically review the Compact rules and determine whether it agrees with any new rules or rule amendments adopted during the period. Reauthorization of the Compact after these reviews diminishes a claim that the Legislature has delegated its authority.<sup>25</sup>

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

Member states pay an annual fee to the Commission that must be between \$2,300 and \$69,000. The formula is based upon the number of military children eligible for transfer under the Compact at the rate of \$1.15 per child.

The General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-16 appropriated \$42,813 in recurring funds from General Revenue to the Department of Education to pay the dues. Florida's estimated Compact membership dues assessment for Fiscal Year 2019-20 is \$45,187, an increase of \$2,373.99.

<sup>24</sup> See s. 5, ch. 2008-225, s. 3, ch. 2010-52, s. 2, ch. 2013-20, s. 2, and s. 2, ch. 2016-34, L.O.F.

<sup>25</sup> See Florida Senate, *Legislative Bill Analysis for SB 1060* (2010).

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

The bill substantially amends s. 1000.40, Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.



By Senator Wright

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; amending s. 1000.40, F.S.; extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1000.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1000.40 Future repeal of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.—Sections 1000.36, 1000.361, 1000.38, and 1000.39 and this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022 ~~2019~~, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

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2/7/2019  
Meeting Date

212  
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Justice-2-Jesus

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.



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## Agency Update

**Captain Danny Burgess, U.S. Army Reserve**

***Executive Director***

# Did You Know?



*Did you know?*

*Florida veterans bring in more than **\$18.4 Billion in Federal Dollars** to Florida's economy.*

- Nation's 3rd largest veteran population
  - 1,525,400 total veterans
  - 1,172,800 wartime veterans
  - 144,200 women veterans
  - 203,000 retirees
  - 789,700 veterans over 65
  - 331,000 service-connected disabled veterans
  - 725,800 enrolled in VA Health Care in Florida
  - 51,100 enrolled in GI Bill

# The Sunshine State

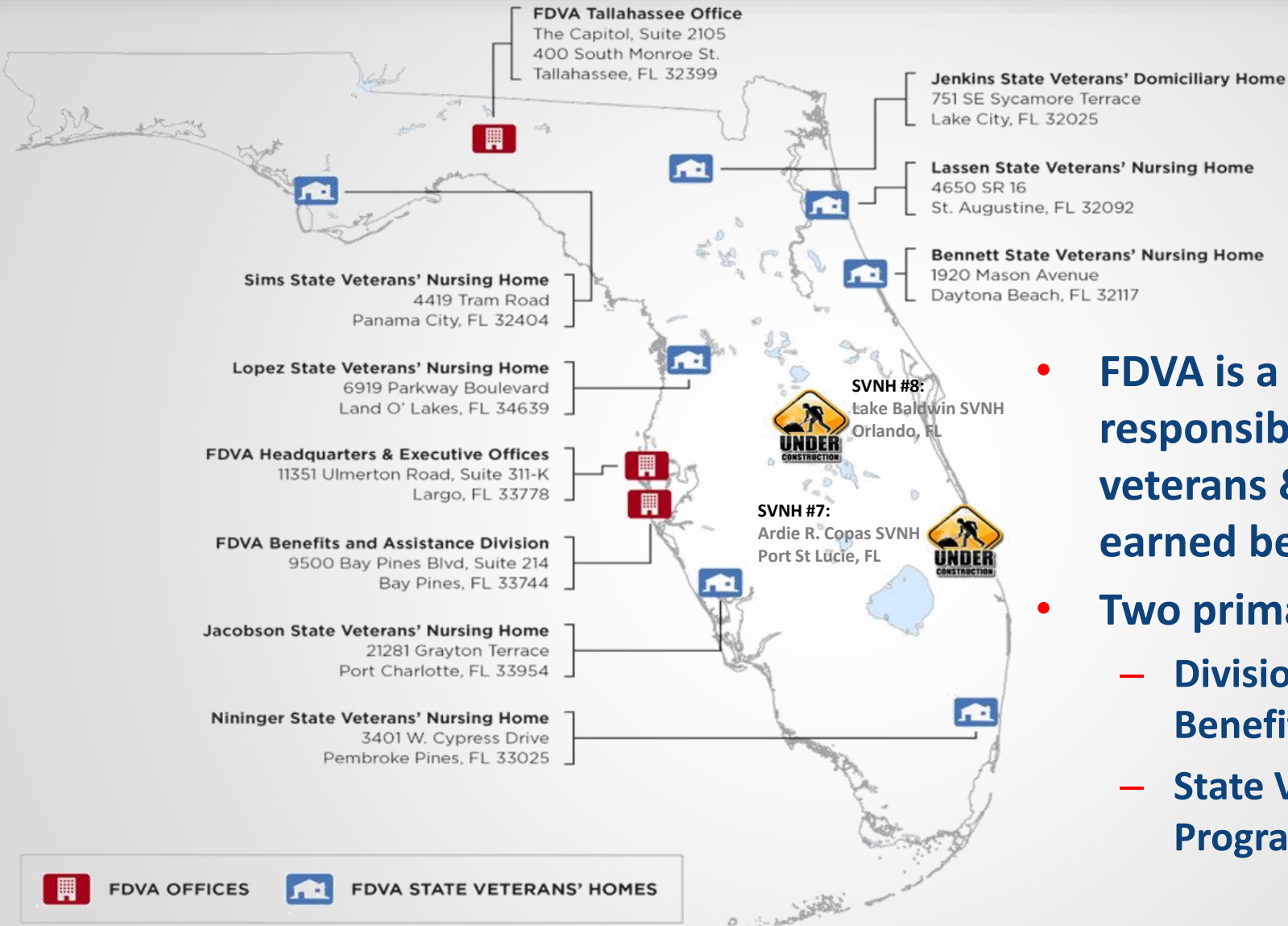


*Did you know?*

*More than 400,000 Florida veterans have the **Veteran** designation on their driver license or state ID Card.*

- Florida's 1.5 million veterans represent all generations
  - 61,600 World War II veterans
  - 139,100 Korean War veterans
  - 519,800 Vietnam veterans
  - 188,000 Gulf War veterans
  - 177,000 Post-9/11 veterans
  - 352,600 peacetime veterans

# Who We Are



- **FDVA is a Cabinet Agency responsible for connecting veterans & families with earned benefits & services**
- **Two primary program areas:**
  - **Division of Veterans' Benefits and Assistance**
  - **State Veterans' Homes Program**





# Agency Mission and Vision

**Mission:** To advocate with purpose and passion for Florida veterans and link them to superior services, benefits and support.

**Vision:** FDVA is the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to access earned services, benefits and support.



# Who We Serve



- We proudly serve veterans dating back to just prior to World War II to the present day.
- Our veterans include Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Merchant Mariners, Guardsmen and Reservists from all branches of service.





# Why We Serve

- Florida has the **third largest population of veterans** in the nation after California and Texas with more than 1.5 million veterans – 12 percent of the Sunshine State’s adult population.
- Florida’s **veterans are a major fiscal force** accounting for **\$18.4 billion** that flow into Florida’s economy annually.
- Florida’s **veterans are a diverse group:**
  - ✓ More than 519,000 Vietnam veterans; 1 out of 3 vets in Sunshine State
  - ✓ More than 365,000 younger veterans from both Gulf War eras
  - ✓ About 9 percent (144,000) of Florida’s veterans are women
  - ✓ More than 789,000 Florida veterans are 65 years of age and over
    - ✓ World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War

# Employees

For fiscal year 2018-2019, FDVA is authorized 1,112 employees, many of whom are veterans.



## Veterans within FDVA:

- 89 - Benefits & Assistance Division
- 52 - State Veterans' Homes Division
- 12 - Executive Direction & Support

**153 = total**



# Return on Investment

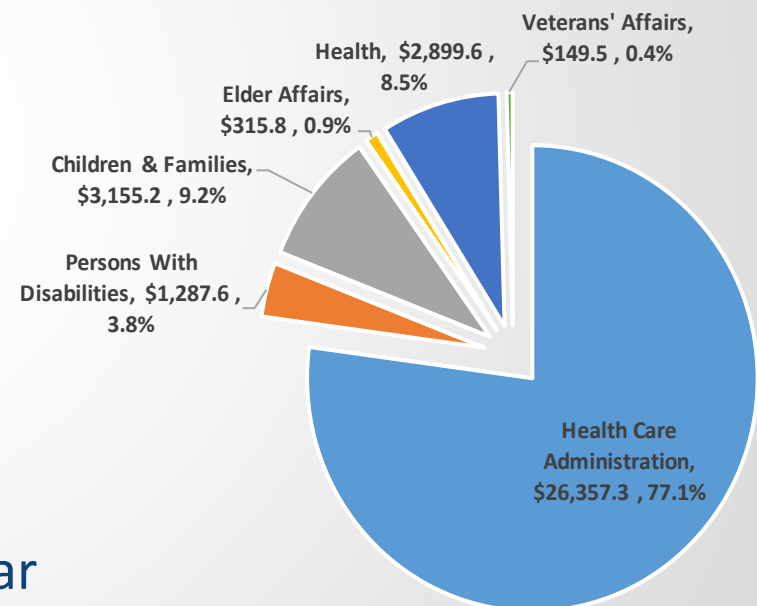
- ROI for FY 2017-18: **\$94:\$1**

- VA Benefits: \$275,032,201
- Retroactive Compensation: \$126,958,225
- Debt Waiver: \$1,356,536
- Issue Resolution: \$81,737,100

**Total: \$485,084,062**

❖ Every federal dollar that **FDVA** B&A staff garners from advocacy on behalf of Florida's veterans is a dollar added to Florida's economy. Every health care or educational dollar provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs **potentially** frees a state dollar that can be used to assist other citizens.

FY 2017-18 Appropriations (In Millions)  
Health & Human Services Agencies



# Division of State Veterans' Homes

**FDVA operates and maintains six award-winning skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility.**

- **Basic admission requirements for all state veterans' homes in Florida include:**
  - ✓ An honorable discharge.
  - ✓ Florida residency established prior to admission.
  - ✓ Certification of need of assisted living or skilled nursing care as determined by a VA physician.
- **One State Veterans' Nursing Home under construction in Port St. Lucie & one under renovation in Orlando (Lake Baldwin)**

# Ardie R. Copas SVNH Overview

- 28.5 acres located west of I-95 in Port St. Lucie on Tradition Parkway
- 120-bed facility with bariatric amenities
- Hybrid Conventional State Veterans' Nursing Home
- Cost estimated at \$58M
- Estimated completion: January 2020





# FDVA's Copas SVNH (#7) Site Grading & Footers Overview





# Ardie R. Copas Overall Site View



# Lake Baldwin SVNH Overview

- Acquisition in 2014 from U.S. Government/U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (*FDVA ownership August 2018*)
- Location: Orlando/Lake Baldwin VAMC Complex
  - 5201 Raymond Street, Orlando, FL 32814
- 112-bed skilled nursing facility
- Conventional design
- Renovation cost \$8.3M
- Estimated renovation completion: November 2019
- Shared utilities with USDVA with disconnect in five years
- Commercial laundry and kitchen pending




# Lake Baldwin – Front View & Entry



# Notable Achievements


- Veterans Court
- Florida Purple Heart Day
- Early course registration
- College credit for military training
- Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council
- Business license fee waivers
- Specialty license plates
- Outreach & Branding campaign
- Established permanent Resident Trust Fund Threshold (\$35 to \$105)
- Competitive Pay adjustments (Clinical Staff)





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BENEFITS AND SERVICES  
THEY HAVE EARNED**



[www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org)  
(727) 319-7440





# Strategic Planning Focus



- Suicide Prevention
- Crisis Center Support
- Mental Healthcare
- Aging Veterans Support
- Benefits Education
- Transitional Services
- Transportation
- Wellness

# Current Initiatives

- Educate 3,100 Florida ALF Administrators in Veterans' Benefits
- Team with In-Home Health Care to keep Veterans at home
- Potential \$1 Billion in Federal Benefits
- Suicide Prevention / Crisis Centers / Managing Entities / Mental Health / Opioid Addiction



# Issues for Upcoming Session

## 1. Legislative Budget Request

- Pay Raises for Nursing Staff
- Proper Staffing for Nursing Homes (21 new positions)



## 2. Legislative Proposals

- Extension of homestead tax exemption for spouses of combat wounded veterans 65 and older
- Authorizing the potential for state funding for Veterans' Hall of Fame Council members (i.e. travel)



# Other Legislative Issues

- **Florida 2-1-1**
  - Enhance Veteran Suicide Prevention & Opioid Treatment
- **Veterans Treatment Courts**
  - Establish statewide treatment court model
- **Alternative Therapies**
  - Target TBI / PTSD
- **Veterans' Legal Hotline Initiatives**
  - Connect veterans with statewide legal services



# Connecting with FDVA



[www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org)



# Veterans Florida

*Florida is for Veterans, Inc.*

Established under s. 295.21, F.S., with the mission to attract and retain veterans and their families by connecting them to employment, training and educational opportunities

- Strengthen Florida businesses by educating them on the value and skill sets veterans bring to the workforce and providing training resources for their veteran hires
- Enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans





# Veterans Florida

*Florida is for Veterans, Inc.*

Under s. 295.22, F.S., administer the *Veterans Employment and Training Services Program*

- **Career Services Program**
  - *Veterans* - resume help, military to civilian skills matching, interview prep & placement
  - *Employers* - military skills translation, recruitment, workforce grants
- **Entrepreneurship**
  - *Veterans* - idea to business, mentorship, local resources

Under s. 295.23, F.S., coordinate marketing with *VISIT Florida*

- Retain and attract veterans in Florida & around the country



# Florida Veterans Foundation

- **FDVA's Direct Support Organization; established by Florida Legislature in 2008 as 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization**
  - **Statewide Aging Veterans Outreach**
    - Educate 60,000 aging veterans on earned benefits
    - Average life of earned benefits: \$50K per veteran
    - Potential of \$3 Billion of Federal VA money to the state, which could free up State Medicaid money
    - Keep veterans in their homes for health and longevity
  - Fund new DAV vans for statewide transportation of veterans
  - Match mental health/wellness grant for homeless veterans

# Florida Veterans Foundation

- Collaborate with Veteran Service Organizations to provide emergency financial support of veterans in crisis.
- Suicide prevention, opioid addiction, Crisis Center, mental health collaboration to seek immediate support of veterans in crisis for mental health needs/solutions of peer to peer
- Funded legal helpline for veterans legal needs assessment.
- [www.FloridaVeteransFoundation.org](http://www.FloridaVeteransFoundation.org)
- (850) 488-4181



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# Questions, Comments, Discussion

PROUDLY SERVING FOR 30 YEARS



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# Florida's Support of Military and Defense

Senate Committee on Military and  
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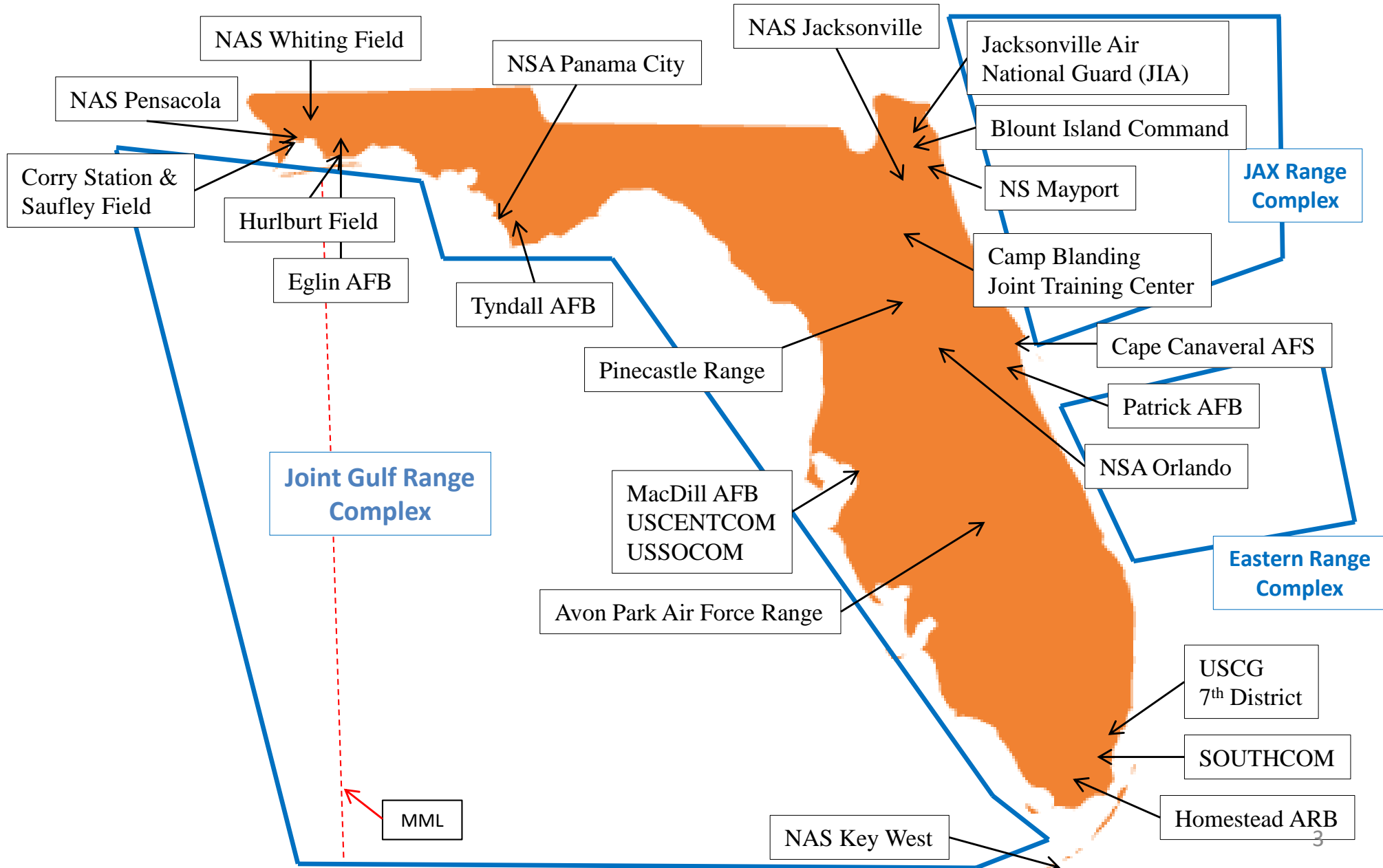
# Florida' Military Presence

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## Overview:

- 20 major military installations.
- Defense contributions to state economy:
  - \$84.9 Billion annual impact from military and defense business presence.
  - 801,747 direct and indirect jobs.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economic driver
- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges.

# Florida's Military Installations



# BRAC

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- Last BRAC in 2005--No new BRAC appears imminent.
- Services are conducting realignments under “Below the Radar” BRAC-like actions.
- Florida well-positioned to gain future missions.



# The Florida Model for Support of Military and Defense:

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1. Governor's Base Commander Meetings
2. Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)
3. Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
4. Defense Grant Programs

# Florida Defense Support Task Force

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Mission (from F.S. 288.987):

- Make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military missions and installations.
- Support the state's position in R&D related to military missions and contracting.
- Improve the military-friendly environment for service members, families, retirees and businesses that bring military-related jobs to the state.

# Florida Defense Support Task Force Membership

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Chair – Rep. Jay Trumbull



- Governor appoints 4 members
- Senate appoints 4 members
- House appoints 4 members

Executive Director – Col (ret) Terry McCaffrey

**Note: Chair rotates on July 1<sup>st</sup> annually  
between Senate and House**

# Task Force Focus Areas

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- Promote and expand the missions of Florida's military installations and gain missions for Florida's installations.
- Prevent encroachment/improve transportation access to Florida's military installations.
- Enhance Gulf Range capabilities to support modern weapons test and training and **extend the moratorium on exploration/drilling east of MML.**
- Strengthen state support for military families & veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment & family programs.

# Florida Defense Alliance

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- FDA created within EFI per FS 288.980.
- Members: volunteer community leaders, base representation and local economic development leaders.
- Networking and best-practices sharing.
- Legislative issue generation and support.
- Meet bi-annually / teleconference bi-annually.
- Two standing working groups:
  - Family Support
  - Mission Sustainment

FDA Chair  
Kellie Jo Kilberg





# Highlights of Recent Military Friendly Legislation

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- Non-conservation land program to protect military bases.
- In state tuition for all military veterans & spouses and children of active duty service members.
- Waiver of minimum age requirement for lodging for military members.
- Easing of professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses.
- Expeditious landlord processing of rental applications for military members.



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Topic FLORIDA DEFENSE ALLIANCE / FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name BRUCE GRANT

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Speaking: [ ] For [ ] Against [x] Information

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Appearing at request of Chair: [x] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [ ] Yes [x] No

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: LL 37  
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Started: 2/7/2019 9:59:14 AM  
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9:59:40 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Wright  
10:00:45 AM CAA Lois Graham calls the roll  
10:00:51 AM Quorum announced  
10:01:01 AM Pledge of Allegiance  
10:01:23 AM Opening comments by Chair  
10:01:54 AM Chair passes chair to Vice Chair Cruz  
10:02:06 AM Vice Chair Cruz with Tab 1-SB 212-Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity For Military Children  
10:02:15 AM Chair Wright explains the bill  
10:03:41 AM Vice Chair Cruz calls for questions  
10:04:44 AM Senator Broxson with question  
10:04:53 AM Chair Wright responds  
10:05:00 AM Senator Harrell with question  
10:05:12 AM Chair Wright responds  
10:06:21 AM Appearance Form - Mr. Brian Pitts, Trustee, Justice-2-Jesus  
10:06:41 AM Mr. Pitts speaks  
10:08:20 AM Vice Chair with comments  
10:08:43 AM Mr. Pitts continues  
10:09:07 AM Vice Chair calls for debate  
10:09:14 AM Senator Harrell with comments  
10:09:43 AM Vice Chair Cruz recognizes Chair Wright to close  
10:10:30 AM Chair Wright waives close  
10:10:35 AM Roll call on SB 212  
10:10:43 AM SB 212 reported favorably  
10:10:53 AM Vice Chair passes chair back to Chair Wright  
10:11:02 AM Chair Wright with comments  
10:11:30 AM Tab 3 - Presentation by the Defense Support Task Force and Florida Defense Alliance  
10:11:39 AM Mr. Bruce Grant, Vice President for Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, presents  
10:37:17 AM Chair Wright with comments  
10:38:17 AM Senator Broxson with comments  
10:42:09 AM Senator Gainer with comments  
10:43:21 AM Mr. Grant responds  
10:43:32 AM Senator Harrell with comments  
10:45:26 AM Senator Torres with question  
10:45:48 AM Mr. Grant responds  
10:47:25 AM Senator Torres with comments  
10:47:40 AM Mr. Grant responds  
10:48:01 AM Senator Torres with additional question  
10:48:09 AM Mr. Grant responds  
10:48:23 AM Senator Torres with comments  
10:48:55 AM Senator Pizzo with question  
10:49:50 AM Mr. Grant responds

**10:51:17 AM** Senator Pizzo with follow-up  
**10:51:41 AM** Mr. Grant responds  
**10:51:47 AM** Senator Gainer with question  
**10:52:17 AM** Mr. Grant responds  
**10:52:42 AM** Senator Cruz with question  
**10:53:06 AM** Mr. Grant responds  
**10:53:35 AM** Chair Wright with comments  
**10:54:24 AM** Chair Wright calls for any further business?  
**10:54:37 AM** Senator Pizzo with introduction  
**10:54:53 AM** Chair Wright with comments  
**10:55:09 AM** Senator Pizzo moves to adjourn  
**10:55:19 AM** Meeting adjourned