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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Nelson offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 14.34, Florida

6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 14.34 Governor's Medal of Merit.—

8 (1) The Governor may present, in the name of the State of  
9 Florida, a medal to be known as the "Governor's Medal of Merit,"  
10 which shall bear a suitable inscription and ribbon of  
11 appropriate design, to:

12 (a) Any legal resident of this state who has rendered  
13 exceptional meritorious service to the citizens of this state;

14 (b) Any legal resident of this state who is serving under  
15 honorable conditions on active duty as a member of the United  
16 States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United  
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17 States Reserve Forces and has rendered exceptional meritorious  
18 service to the citizens of this state while on active duty; or

19 (c) Any legal resident of this state who has been  
20 honorably discharged from active duty as a member of the United  
21 States Armed Forces, the Florida National Guard, or the United  
22 States Reserve Forces and, while on active duty, rendered  
23 exceptional meritorious service to the citizens of this state.  
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25 As used in this subsection, the term "exceptional meritorious  
26 service" means acts ~~of bravery~~ above and beyond the level of  
27 duty normally required by that person's respective military or  
28 civilian position.

29 Section 2. Subsections (3), (5), and (6) of section  
30 163.3175, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

31 163.3175 Legislative findings on compatibility of  
32 development with military installations; exchange of information  
33 between local governments and military installations.-

34 (3) The Florida Defense Support Task Force Council ~~on~~  
35 ~~Military Base and Mission Support~~ may recommend to the  
36 Legislature changes to the military installations and local  
37 governments specified in subsection (2) based on a military  
38 base's potential for impacts from encroachment, and incompatible  
39 land uses and development.

40 (5) The commanding officer or his or her designee may  
41 provide advisory comments to the affected local government on  
42 the impact such proposed changes may have on the mission of the  
43 military installation. Such advisory comments shall be based on

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44 appropriate data and analyses provided with the comments and may  
45 include:

46 (a) If the installation has an airfield, whether such  
47 proposed changes will be incompatible with the safety and noise  
48 standards contained in the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone  
49 (AICUZ) adopted by the military installation for that airfield;

50 (b) Whether such changes are incompatible with the  
51 Installation Environmental Noise Management Program (IENMP) of  
52 the United States Army;

53 (c) Whether such changes are incompatible with the  
54 findings of a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for the area if one  
55 has been completed; and

56 (d) Whether the military installation's mission will be  
57 adversely affected by the proposed actions of the county or  
58 affected local government.

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60 The commanding officer's comments, underlying studies, and  
61 reports shall be considered by the local government in the same  
62 manner as the comments received from other reviewing agencies  
63 pursuant to s. 163.3184 ~~are not binding on the local government.~~

64 (6) The affected local government shall take into  
65 consideration any comments and accompanying data and analyses  
66 provided by the commanding officer or his or her designee  
67 pursuant to subsection (4) as they relate to the strategic  
68 mission of the base, public safety, and the economic vitality  
69 associated with the base's operations, while also respecting and  
70 ~~must also be sensitive to~~ private property rights and not being  
71 ~~be~~ unduly restrictive on those rights. The affected local

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72 government shall forward a copy of any comments regarding  
73 comprehensive plan amendments to the state land planning agency.

74 Section 3. Effective upon becoming a law and first  
75 applying to ad valorem tax rolls for 2012, subsection (2) of  
76 section 196.173, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

77 196.173 Exemption for deployed servicemembers.—

78 (2) The exemption is available to servicemembers who were  
79 deployed during the preceding calendar year on active duty  
80 outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in  
81 support of:

82 (a) Operation Noble Eagle, which began on September 15,  
83 2001;

84 (b) ~~(a)~~ Operation Enduring Freedom, which began on October  
85 7, 2001;

86 (c) ~~(b)~~ Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19,  
87 2003, and ended on August 31, 2010; ~~or~~

88 (d) ~~(c)~~ Operation New Dawn, which began on September 1,  
89 2010, and ended on December 15, 2011; or

90 (e) Operation Odyssey Dawn, which began on March 19, 2011,  
91 and ended on October 31, 2011.

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93 The Department of Revenue shall notify all property appraisers  
94 and tax collectors in this state of the designated military  
95 operations.

96 Section 4. This section is effective upon becoming a law.  
97 Notwithstanding the application deadline in s. 196.173(5),  
98 Florida Statutes, the deadline for an eligible servicemember to  
99 file a claim for an additional ad valorem tax exemption for a  
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100 qualifying deployment during the 2011 calendar year is June 1,  
101 2012. Any applicant who seeks to claim the additional exemption  
102 and who fails to file an application by June 1 must file an  
103 application for the exemption with the property appraiser on or  
104 before the 25th day following the mailing by the property  
105 appraiser of the notices required under s. 194.011(1), Florida  
106 Statutes. Upon receipt of sufficient evidence, as determined by  
107 the property appraiser, demonstrating the applicant was unable  
108 to apply for the exemption in a timely manner or otherwise  
109 demonstrating extenuating circumstances judged by the property  
110 appraiser to warrant granting the exemption, the property  
111 appraiser may grant the exemption. If the applicant fails to  
112 produce sufficient evidence demonstrating the applicant was  
113 unable to apply for the exemption in a timely manner or  
114 otherwise demonstrating extenuating circumstances as judged by  
115 the property appraiser, the applicant may file, pursuant to s.  
116 194.011(3), Florida Statutes, a petition with the value  
117 adjustment board requesting that the exemption be granted. Such  
118 petition must be filed during the taxable year on or before the  
119 25th day following the mailing of the notice by the property  
120 appraiser as provided in s. 194.011(1), Florida Statutes.  
121 Notwithstanding s. 194.013, Florida Statutes, the applicant is  
122 not required to pay a filing fee for such a petition. Upon  
123 reviewing the petition, if the applicant is qualified to receive  
124 the exemption and demonstrates particular extenuating  
125 circumstances judged by the value adjustment board to warrant  
126 granting the exemption, the value adjustment board may grant the  
127 exemption for the current year.

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128 Section 5. Section 265.003, Florida Statutes, is amended  
129 to read:

130 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

131 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize and  
132 honor those military veterans who, through their works and lives  
133 during or after military service, have made a significant  
134 contribution to the State of Florida.

135 (2) There is established the Florida Veterans' Hall of  
136 Fame.

137 (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame is administered by  
138 the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs without  
139 appropriation of state funds.

140 (b) The Department of Management Services shall set aside  
141 an area on the Plaza Level of the Capitol Building along the  
142 northeast front wall and shall consult with the Department of  
143 Veterans' Affairs regarding the design and theme of the area.

144 (c) Each person who is inducted into the Florida Veterans'  
145 Hall of Fame shall have his or her name placed on a plaque  
146 displayed in the designated area of the Capitol Building.

147 (3) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council is  
148 created within the Department of Veterans' Affairs as an  
149 advisory council, as defined in s. 20.03(7), consisting of seven  
150 members who shall all be honorably discharged veterans, and at  
151 least four of whom must be members of a congressionally  
152 chartered veterans service organization. The Governor, the  
153 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
154 Representatives, the Attorney General, the Chief Financial  
155 Officer, the Commissioner of Agriculture, and the executive

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156 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall each  
157 appoint one member. For the purposes of ensuring staggered  
158 terms, the council members appointed by the Governor, the  
159 Attorney General, the Chief Financial Officer, and the  
160 Commissioner of Agriculture shall be appointed to 4-year terms  
161 beginning on January 1 of the year of appointment, and the  
162 council members appointed by the President of the Senate, the  
163 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the executive  
164 director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be  
165 appointed to 2-year terms beginning on January 1 of the year of  
166 appointment. After the initial appointments, all appointees  
167 shall be appointed to 4-year terms. A member whose term expires  
168 shall continue to serve on the council until such time as a  
169 replacement is appointed.

170 (b) The members shall annually elect a chair from among  
171 their number. The council shall meet at the call of its chair,  
172 at the request of the executive director of the Department of  
173 Veterans' Affairs, or at such times as may be prescribed by the  
174 council. A majority of the members of the council currently  
175 appointed constitutes a quorum, and a meeting may not be held  
176 unless a quorum is present. The affirmative vote of a majority  
177 of the members of the council present is necessary for any  
178 official action by the council.

179 (c) Members of the council may not receive compensation or  
180 honorarium for their services. Members may be reimbursed for  
181 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, as  
182 provided in s. 112.061, however, no state funds may be used for  
183 this purpose.

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184        (d) The original appointing authority may remove his or  
185 her appointee from the council for misconduct or malfeasance in  
186 office, neglect of duty, incompetence, or permanent inability to  
187 perform official duties or if the member is adjudicated guilty  
188 of a felony.

189        (4)-(3)(a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
190 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall annually accept  
191 nominations of persons to be considered for induction into the  
192 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall ~~then~~ transmit a list of  
193 up to 20 nominees ~~its recommendations~~ to the Department of  
194 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet  
195 who will select the nominees to be inducted.

196        (b) In selecting its nominees for submission ~~making its~~  
197 ~~recommendations~~ to the Governor and the Cabinet, the Florida  
198 Veterans' Hall of Fame Council ~~Department of Veterans' Affairs~~  
199 shall give preference to veterans who were born in Florida or  
200 adopted Florida as their home state or base of operation and who  
201 have made a significant contribution to the state in civic,  
202 business, public service, or other pursuits.

203        (5)-(4) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council  
204 Department of Veterans' Affairs may establish criteria and set  
205 specific time periods for acceptance of nominations and for the  
206 process of selection of nominees for membership and establish a  
207 formal induction ceremony to coincide with the annual  
208 commemoration of Veterans' Day.

209        Section 6. Subsections (9) and (10) of section 288.972,  
210 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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211 288.972 Legislative intent.—It is the policy of this  
212 state, once the Federal Government has proposed any base closure  
213 or has determined that military bases, lands, or installations  
214 are to be closed and made available for reuse, to:

215 ~~(9) Coordinate the development of the Defense-Related~~  
216 ~~Business Adjustment Program to increase commercial technology~~  
217 ~~development by defense companies.~~

218 (9) ~~(10)~~ Coordinate the development, maintenance, and  
219 analysis of a workforce database to assist workers adversely  
220 affected by defense-related activities in their relocation  
221 efforts.

222 Section 7. Section 288.980, Florida Statutes, is amended  
223 to read:

224 288.980 Military base retention; legislative intent;  
225 grants program.—

226 (1) (a) It is the intent of this state to provide the  
227 necessary means to assist communities with military  
228 installations in supporting and sustaining those installations  
229 ~~that would be adversely affected by federal base realignment or~~  
230 ~~closure actions~~. It is further the intent to encourage  
231 communities to initiate a coordinated program of response and  
232 plan of action in advance of future actions of the federal  
233 government relating to realignments and closures Base  
234 ~~Realignment and Closure Commission~~. It is critical that ~~closure-~~  
235 ~~vulnerable~~ communities develop and implement strategies ~~such a~~  
236 ~~program~~ to preserve and protect ~~affected~~ military installations.  
237 The Legislature hereby recognizes that the state needs to  
238 coordinate all efforts that can support ~~facilitate the retention~~

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239 ~~of all remaining~~ military installations throughout ~~in~~ the state.  
240 The Legislature, therefore, declares that providing such  
241 assistance to support the defense-related initiatives within  
242 this section is a public purpose for which public money may be  
243 used.

244 (b) The Florida Defense Alliance, an organization within  
245 Enterprise Florida, is designated as the organization to ensure  
246 that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its  
247 military host communities are in competitive positions as the  
248 United States continues its defense realignment and downsizing.  
249 The defense alliance shall serve as an overall advisory body for  
250 defense-related activity of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The Florida  
251 Defense Alliance may receive funding from appropriations made  
252 for that purpose administered by the department.

253 (2) The Military Base Protection Program is created. Funds  
254 appropriated to this program may be used to address emergent  
255 needs relating to mission sustainment and base retention. All  
256 funds appropriated for the purposes of this program are eligible  
257 to be used for matching of federal funds. The department shall  
258 coordinate and implement this program.

259 (3) ~~(2)~~(a) The department is authorized to award grants on  
260 a competitive basis from any funds available to it to support  
261 activities related to the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant  
262 Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program  
263 ~~retention of military installations potentially affected by~~  
264 ~~federal base closure or realignment.~~

265 (b) The term "activities" as used in this section means  
266 studies, presentations, analyses, plans, and modeling. For the  
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267 purposes of the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program,  
268 the term "activities" also includes, but is not limited to,  
269 construction, land purchases, and easements. Staff salaries are  
270 not considered an "activity" for which grant funds may be  
271 awarded. Travel costs and costs incidental thereto incurred by a  
272 grant recipient shall be considered an "activity" for which  
273 grant funds may be awarded.

274 (c) ~~Except for grants issued pursuant to the Florida~~  
275 ~~Military Installation Reuse Planning and Marketing Grant Program~~  
276 ~~as described in paragraph (3)(c), the amount of any grant~~  
277 ~~provided to an applicant may not exceed \$250,000.~~ The department  
278 shall require that an applicant:

279 1. Represent a local government with a military  
280 installation or military installations that could be adversely  
281 affected by federal actions ~~base realignment or closure.~~

282 2. Agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant  
283 awarded.

284 3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan of action  
285 delineating how the eligible project will be administered and  
286 accomplished.

287 4. Provide documentation describing the potential for  
288 changes to the mission ~~realignment or closure~~ of a military  
289 installation located in the applicant's community and the  
290 potential ~~adverse~~ impacts such changes ~~realignment or closure~~  
291 will have on the applicant's community.

292 (d) In making grant awards the department ~~office~~ shall  
293 consider, at a minimum, the following factors:

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294 1. The relative value of the particular military  
295 installation in terms of its importance to the local and state  
296 economy relative to other military installations ~~vulnerable to~~  
297 ~~closure~~.

298 2. The potential job displacement within the local  
299 community should the mission of the military installation be  
300 changed ~~closed~~.

301 3. The potential ~~adverse~~ impact on industries and  
302 technologies which service the military installation.

303 ~~(4)(3)~~ The Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program  
304 ~~Economic Reinvestment Initiative~~ is established to respond to  
305 the need for this state to work in conjunction with defense-  
306 dependent communities in developing and implementing strategies  
307 and approaches that will help communities support the missions  
308 of military installations, and in developing and implementing  
309 ~~and defense-dependent communities in this state to develop~~  
310 alternative economic diversification strategies to transition  
311 from a defense economy to a nondefense economy ~~lessen reliance~~  
312 ~~on national defense dollars in the wake of base closures and~~  
313 ~~reduced federal defense expenditures and the need to formulate~~  
314 ~~specific base reuse plans and identify any specific~~  
315 ~~infrastructure needed to facilitate reuse.~~ Eligible applicants  
316 include defense-dependent counties and cities, and local  
317 economic development councils located within such communities.  
318 The program initiative shall ~~consist of the following two~~  
319 ~~distinct grant programs to be administered by the department and~~ and  
320 grant awards may be provided to support community-based  
321 activities that:

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322 (a) Protect existing military installations; ~~The Florida~~  
323 ~~Defense Planning Grant Program, through which funds shall be~~  
324 ~~used to analyze the extent to which the state is dependent on~~  
325 ~~defense dollars and defense infrastructure and prepare~~  
326 ~~alternative economic development strategies. The state shall~~  
327 ~~work in conjunction with defense-dependent communities in~~  
328 ~~developing strategies and approaches that will help communities~~  
329 ~~make the transition from a defense economy to a nondefense~~  
330 ~~economy. Grant awards may not exceed \$250,000 per applicant and~~  
331 ~~shall be available on a competitive basis.~~

332 (b) Diversify the economy of a defense-dependent  
333 community; ~~or The Florida Defense Implementation Grant Program,~~  
334 ~~through which funds shall be made available to defense-dependent~~  
335 ~~communities to implement the diversification strategies~~  
336 ~~developed pursuant to paragraph (a). Eligible applicants include~~  
337 ~~defense-dependent counties and cities, and local economic~~  
338 ~~development councils located within such communities. Grant~~  
339 ~~awards may not exceed \$100,000 per applicant and shall be~~  
340 ~~available on a competitive basis. Awards shall be matched on a~~  
341 ~~one-to-one basis.~~

342 (c) ~~The Florida Military Installation Reuse Planning and~~  
343 ~~Marketing Grant Program, through which funds shall be used to~~  
344 ~~help counties, cities, and local economic development councils~~  
345 ~~Develop and implement plans for the reuse of closed or realigned~~  
346 ~~military installations, including any plans necessary for~~  
347 ~~infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and~~  
348 ~~related marketing activities.~~

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350 Applications for grants under this subsection must include a  
351 coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how  
352 the eligible project will be administered and accomplished,  
353 which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between  
354 civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded  
355 activities and a plan for public involvement.

356 (5)~~(4)~~ The Defense Infrastructure Grant Program is  
357 created. The department shall coordinate and implement this  
358 program, the purpose of which is to support local infrastructure  
359 projects deemed to have a positive impact on the military value  
360 of installations within the state. Funds are to be used for  
361 projects that benefit both the local community and the military  
362 installation. ~~It is not the intent, however, to fund on-base~~  
363 ~~military construction projects.~~ Infrastructure projects to be  
364 funded under this program include, but are not limited to, those  
365 related to encroachment, transportation and access, utilities,  
366 communications, housing, environment, and security. Grant  
367 requests will be accepted only from economic development  
368 applicants serving in the official capacity of a governing board  
369 of a county, municipality, special district, or state agency  
370 that will have the authority to maintain the project upon  
371 completion. An applicant must represent a community or county in  
372 which a military installation is located. There is no limit as  
373 to the amount of any grant awarded to an applicant. A match by  
374 the county or local community may be required. The program may  
375 not be used to fund on-base military construction projects. The  
376 department shall establish guidelines to implement the purpose  
377 of this subsection.

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378       ~~(5) (a) The Defense Related Business Adjustment Program is~~  
379 ~~hereby created. The department shall coordinate the development~~  
380 ~~of the Defense Related Business Adjustment Program. Funds shall~~  
381 ~~be available to assist defense related companies in the creation~~  
382 ~~of increased commercial technology development through~~  
383 ~~investments in technology. Such technology must have a direct~~  
384 ~~impact on critical state needs for the purpose of generating~~  
385 ~~investment-grade technologies and encouraging the partnership of~~  
386 ~~the private sector and government defense related business~~  
387 ~~adjustment. The following areas shall receive precedence in~~  
388 ~~consideration for funding commercial technology development: law~~  
389 ~~enforcement or corrections, environmental protection,~~  
390 ~~transportation, education, and health care. Travel and costs~~  
391 ~~incidental thereto, and staff salaries, are not considered an~~  
392 ~~"activity" for which grant funds may be awarded.~~

393       ~~(b) The department shall require that an applicant:~~

394       ~~1. Be a defense related business that could be adversely~~  
395 ~~affected by federal base realignment or closure or reduced~~  
396 ~~defense expenditures.~~

397       ~~2. Agree to match at least 50 percent of any funds awarded~~  
398 ~~by the United States Department of Defense in cash or in-kind~~  
399 ~~services. Such match shall be directly related to activities for~~  
400 ~~which the funds are being sought.~~

401       ~~3. Prepare a coordinated program or plan delineating how~~  
402 ~~the funds will be administered.~~

403       ~~4. Provide documentation describing how defense-related~~  
404 ~~realignment or closure will adversely impact defense-related~~  
405 ~~companies.~~

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406 ~~(6) The Retention of Military Installations Program is~~  
407 ~~created. The department shall coordinate and implement this~~  
408 ~~program.~~

409 (6)~~(7)~~ The department may award nonfederal matching funds  
410 specifically appropriated for construction, maintenance, and  
411 analysis of a Florida defense workforce database. Such funds  
412 will be used to create a registry of worker skills that can be  
413 used to match the worker needs of companies that are relocating  
414 to this state or to assist workers in relocating to other areas  
415 within this state where similar or related employment is  
416 available.

417 (7)~~(8)~~ Payment of administrative expenses shall be limited  
418 to no more than 10 percent of any grants issued pursuant to this  
419 section.

420 (8)~~(9)~~ The department shall establish guidelines to  
421 implement and carry out the purpose and intent of this section.

422 Section 8. (1) This section shall take effect upon this  
423 act becoming a law.

424 (2) The powers, duties, functions, records, personnel,  
425 property, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative  
426 authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of  
427 appropriations, allocations, and other funds of the Florida  
428 Council on Military Base and Mission Support within the  
429 Department of Economic Opportunity are transferred by a type two  
430 transfer, as defined in s. 20.06(2), Florida Statutes, to the  
431 Florida Defense Support Task Force within the Department of  
432 Economic Opportunity.

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433 Section 9. (1) This section shall take effect upon this  
434 act becoming a law.

435 (2) Section 288.984, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

436 Section 10. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
437 subsections (1) and (2) of section 288.985, Florida Statutes,  
438 are amended to read:

439 288.985 Exemptions from public records and public meetings  
440 requirements.—

441 (1) The following records held by the Florida Defense  
442 Support Task Force Council on Military Base and Mission Support  
443 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
444 Constitution:

445 (a) That portion of a record which relates to strengths  
446 and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in  
447 this state relative to the selection criteria for the  
448 realignment and closure of military bases and missions under any  
449 United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure  
450 process.

451 (b) That portion of a record which relates to strengths  
452 and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in  
453 other states or territories and the vulnerability of such  
454 installations or missions to base realignment or closure under  
455 the United States Department of Defense base realignment and  
456 closure process, and any agreements or proposals to relocate or  
457 realign military units and missions from other states or  
458 territories.

459 (c) That portion of a record which relates to the state's  
460 strategy to retain its military bases during any United States  
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461 Department of Defense base realignment and closure process and  
462 any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military  
463 units and missions.

464 (2) Meetings or portions of meetings of the Florida  
465 Defense Support Task Force Council on Military Base and Mission  
466 Support, or a workgroup of the task force council, at which  
467 records are presented or discussed which are exempt under  
468 subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I  
469 of the State Constitution.

470 Section 11. Effective upon this act becoming a law,  
471 subsections (2), (5), (6), and (7) of section 288.987, Florida  
472 Statutes, are amended to read:

473 288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

474 (2) The mission of the task force is to make  
475 recommendations to preserve and protect military installations  
476 prepare the state to effectively compete in any federal base  
477 realignment and closure action, to support the state's position  
478 in research and development related to or arising out of  
479 military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's  
480 military-friendly environment for service members, military  
481 dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring  
482 military and base-related jobs to the state.

483 (5) The executive director of Department of Economic  
484 Opportunity ~~the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
485 ~~Development within the Executive Office of the Governor~~, or his  
486 or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting  
487 executive director of the task force.

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488           (6) ~~The chair shall schedule and conduct the first meeting~~  
489 ~~of the task force by October 1, 2011.~~ The task force shall  
490 submit an annual a progress report and work plan ~~for the~~  
491 ~~remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year~~ to the Governor, the  
492 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
493 Representatives ~~by February 1, 2012, and shall submit an annual~~  
494 ~~report~~ each February 1 thereafter.

495           (7) The department ~~Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic~~  
496 ~~Development~~ shall contract with the task force for expenditure  
497 of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for  
498 economic and product research and development, joint planning  
499 with host communities to accommodate military missions and  
500 prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with  
501 federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school  
502 districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of  
503 additional military-related students, job training and placement  
504 for military spouses in communities with high proportions of  
505 active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to  
506 military and related contractors and employers. The task force  
507 may annually spend up to \$200,000 of funds appropriated to the  
508 department ~~Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Tourism,~~  
509 ~~Trade, and Economic Development,~~ for the task force for staffing  
510 and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel  
511 and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not  
512 otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

513           Section 12. Section 295.187, Florida Statutes, is amended  
514 to read:

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515 295.187 Florida ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business

516 Enterprise Opportunity Act.—

517 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Florida  
518 ~~Service-Disabled~~ Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act."

519 (2) INTENT.—It is the intent of the Legislature to rectify  
520 the economic disadvantage of service-disabled veterans, who are  
521 statistically the least likely to be self-employed when compared  
522 to the veteran population as a whole and who have made  
523 extraordinary sacrifices on behalf of the nation, the state, and  
524 the public, by providing opportunities for service-disabled  
525 veteran business enterprises as set forth in this section. The  
526 Legislature also intends to recognize wartime veterans and  
527 veterans of a period of war for their sacrifices as set forth in  
528 this section.

529 (3) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section, the  
530 term:

531 (a) "Certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
532 enterprise" means a business that has been certified by the  
533 Department of Management Services to be a ~~service-disabled~~  
534 veteran business enterprise as defined in paragraph (c).

535 (b) "Service-disabled veteran" means a veteran who is a  
536 permanent Florida resident with a service-connected disability  
537 as determined by the United States Department of Veterans  
538 Affairs or who has been terminated from military service by  
539 reason of disability by the United States Department of Defense.

540 (c) "~~Service-disabled~~ Veteran business enterprise" means  
541 an independently owned and operated business that:

542 1. Employs 200 or fewer permanent full-time employees;

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543           2. Together with its affiliates has a net worth of \$5  
544 million or less or, if a sole proprietorship, has a net worth of  
545 \$5 million or less including both personal and business  
546 investments;

547           3. Is organized to engage in commercial transactions;

548           4. Is domiciled in this state;

549           5. Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more wartime  
550 veterans or service-disabled veterans; and

551           6. The management and daily business operations of which  
552 are controlled by one or more wartime veterans or service-  
553 disabled veterans or, for a service-disabled veteran having with  
554 a permanent and total disability, by the spouse or permanent  
555 caregiver of the veteran.

556           (d) "Wartime veteran" means:

557           1. A wartime veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14); or

558           2. A veteran of a period of war, as used in 38 U.S.C. s.  
559 1521, who served in the active military, naval, or air service:

560           a. For 90 days or more during a period of war;

561           b. During a period of war and was discharged or released  
562 from such service for a service-connected disability;

563           c. For a period of 90 consecutive days or more and such  
564 period began or ended during a period of war; or

565           d. For an aggregate of 90 days or more in two or more  
566 separate periods of service during more than one period of war.

567           (4) VENDOR PREFERENCE.—

568           (a) A state agency, when considering two or more bids,  
569 proposals, or replies for the procurement of commodities or  
570 contractual services, at least one of which is from a certified  
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571 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise, which ~~that~~ are  
572 equal with respect to all relevant considerations, including  
573 price, quality, and service, shall award such procurement or  
574 contract to the certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
575 enterprise.

576 (b) Notwithstanding s. 287.057(11), if a ~~service-disabled~~  
577 veteran business enterprise entitled to the vendor preference  
578 under this section and one or more businesses entitled to this  
579 preference or another vendor preference provided by law submit  
580 bids, proposals, or replies for procurement of commodities or  
581 contractual services which ~~that~~ are equal with respect to all  
582 relevant considerations, including price, quality, and service,  
583 ~~then~~ the state agency shall award the procurement or contract to  
584 the business having the smallest net worth.

585 (c) Political subdivisions of the state are encouraged to  
586 offer a similar consideration to businesses certified under this  
587 section.

588 (5) CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE.—

589 (a) The application for certification as a ~~service-~~  
590 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise must, at a minimum,  
591 include:

592 1. The name of the business enterprise applying for  
593 certification and the name of the ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
594 submitting the application on behalf of the business enterprise.

595 2. The names of all owners of the business enterprise,  
596 including owners who are wartime veterans, service-disabled  
597 veterans, and owners who are not a wartime veteran or a service-

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598 disabled veteran ~~veterans~~, and the percentage of ownership  
599 interest held by each owner.

600 3. The names of all persons involved in both the  
601 management and daily operations of the business, including the  
602 spouse or permanent caregiver of a veteran who has ~~with~~ a  
603 permanent and total disability.

604 4. The service-connected disability rating of all persons  
605 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, with  
606 supporting documentation from the United States Department of  
607 Veterans Affairs or the United States Department of Defense.

608 5. Documentation of the wartime service of all persons  
609 listed under subparagraphs 1., 2., and 3., as applicable, from  
610 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United  
611 States Department of Defense.

612 6.5. The number of permanent full-time employees.

613 7.6. The location of the business headquarters.

614 8.7. The total net worth of the business enterprise and  
615 its affiliates. In the case of a sole proprietorship, the net  
616 worth includes personal and business investments.

617 (b) To maintain certification, a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
618 business enterprise shall renew its certification biennially.

619 (c) ~~The provisions of Chapter 120,~~ relating to  
620 application, denial, and revocation procedures, applies ~~shall~~  
621 ~~apply~~ to certifications under this section.

622 (d) A certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
623 enterprise must notify the Department of Management Services  
624 within 30 business days after any event that may significantly  
625 affect the certification of the business, including, but not

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626 limited to, a change in ownership or change in management and  
627 daily business operations.

628 (e) The certification of a ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
629 business enterprise shall be revoked for 12 months if the  
630 Department of Management Services determines that the business  
631 enterprise violated paragraph (d). An owner of a certified  
632 ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification  
633 is revoked may ~~is~~ not ~~permitted to~~ reapply for certification  
634 under this section as an owner of any business enterprise during  
635 the 12-month revocation period.

636 1. During the 12-month revocation period, a ~~service-~~  
637 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose certification has  
638 been revoked may bid on state contracts but is not eligible for  
639 any preference available under this section.

640 2. A ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprise whose  
641 certification has been revoked may apply for certification at  
642 the conclusion of the 12-month revocation period by complying  
643 with requirements applicable to initial certifications.

644 (6) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.—The  
645 department shall:

646 (a) Assist the Department of Management Services in  
647 establishing a certification procedure, which shall be reviewed  
648 biennially and updated as necessary.

649 (b) Identify eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business  
650 enterprises by any electronic means, including electronic mail  
651 or Internet website, or by any other reasonable means.

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652 (c) Encourage and assist eligible ~~service-disabled~~ veteran  
653 business enterprises to apply for certification under this  
654 section.

655 (d) Provide information regarding services that are  
656 available from the Office of Veterans' Business Outreach of the  
657 Florida Small Business Development Center to ~~service-disabled~~  
658 veteran business enterprises.

659 (7) DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—The  
660 department shall:

661 (a) With assistance from the Department of Veterans'  
662 Affairs, establish a certification procedure, which shall be  
663 reviewed biennially and updated as necessary.

664 (b) Grant, deny, or revoke the certification of a ~~service-~~  
665 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprise under this section.

666 (c) Maintain an electronic directory of certified ~~service-~~  
667 ~~disabled~~ veteran business enterprises for use by the state,  
668 political subdivisions of the state, and the public.

669 (8) REPORT.—The Small Business Development Center shall  
670 include in its report required by s. 288.705 the percentage of  
671 certified ~~service-disabled~~ veteran business enterprises using  
672 the statewide contracts register.

673 (9) RULES.—The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the  
674 Department of Management Services, as appropriate, may adopt  
675 rules as necessary to administer this section.

676 Section 13. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.089,  
677 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

678 320.089 Members of National Guard and active United States  
679 Armed Forces reservists; former prisoners of war; survivors of  
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680 Pearl Harbor; Purple Heart medal recipients; Operation Iraqi  
681 Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Veterans; Combat Infantry  
682 Badge recipients; Vietnam War Veterans; Korean Conflict  
683 Veterans; special license plates; fee.-

684 (1) (a) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
685 private use or recreational vehicle as specified in s.  
686 320.08(9) (c) or (d), which is not used for hire or commercial  
687 use, who is a resident of the state and an active or retired  
688 member of the Florida National Guard, a survivor of the attack  
689 on Pearl Harbor, a recipient of the Purple Heart medal, ~~or~~ an  
690 active or retired member of any branch of the United States  
691 Armed Forces Reserve, or a recipient of the Combat Infantry  
692 Badge shall, upon application to the department, accompanied by  
693 proof of active membership or retired status in the Florida  
694 National Guard, proof of membership in the Pearl Harbor  
695 Survivors Association or proof of active military duty in Pearl  
696 Harbor on December 7, 1941, proof of being a Purple Heart medal  
697 recipient, ~~or~~ proof of active or retired membership in any  
698 branch of the Armed Forces Reserve, or proof of membership in  
699 the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Inc., or other proof of  
700 being a recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, and upon payment  
701 of the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
702 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06, upon which, in  
703 lieu of the serial numbers prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be  
704 stamped the words "National Guard," "Pearl Harbor Survivor,"  
705 "Combat-wounded veteran," ~~or~~ "U.S. Reserve," or "Combat Infantry  
706 Badge," as appropriate, followed by the serial number of the  
707 license plate. Additionally, the Purple Heart plate may have the  
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708 words "Purple Heart" stamped on the plate and the likeness of  
709 the Purple Heart medal appearing on the plate.

710 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
711 contrary, beginning with fiscal year 2002-2003 and annually  
712 thereafter, the first \$100,000 in general revenue generated from  
713 the sale of license plates issued under this section shall be  
714 deposited into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund, as described  
715 in s. 296.38(2), to be used for the purposes established by law  
716 for that trust fund. Any additional general revenue generated  
717 from the sale of such plates shall be deposited into the State  
718 Homes for Veterans Trust Fund and used solely to construct,  
719 operate, and maintain domiciliary and nursing homes for  
720 veterans, subject to the requirements of chapter 216.

721 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
722 an applicant for a Pearl Harbor Survivor license plate or a  
723 Purple Heart license plate who also qualifies for a disabled  
724 veteran's license plate under s. 320.084 shall be issued the  
725 appropriate special license plate without payment of the license  
726 tax imposed by s. 320.08.

727 (2) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
728 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
729 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
730 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
731 of the state and who is a former prisoner of war, or their  
732 unremarried surviving spouse, shall, upon application therefor  
733 to the department, be issued a license plate as provided in s.  
734 320.06, on which license plate are stamped the words "Ex-POW"  
735 followed by the serial number. Each application shall be

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736 accompanied by proof that the applicant meets the qualifications  
737 specified in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

738 (a) A citizen of the United States who served as a member  
739 of the Armed Forces of the United States or the armed forces of  
740 a nation allied with the United States who was held as a  
741 prisoner of war at such time as the Armed Forces of the United  
742 States were engaged in combat, or their unremarried surviving  
743 spouse, may be issued the special license plate provided for in  
744 this subsection without payment of the license tax imposed by s.  
745 320.08.

746 (b) A person who was serving as a civilian with the  
747 consent of the United States Government, or a person who was a  
748 member of the Armed Forces of the United States who was not a  
749 United States citizen and was held as a prisoner of war when the  
750 Armed Forces of the United States were engaged in combat, or  
751 their unremarried surviving spouse, may be issued the special  
752 license plate provided for in this subsection upon payment of  
753 the license tax imposed by s. 320.08.

754 (3) Each owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
755 private use, truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or  
756 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d),  
757 which is not used for hire or commercial use, who is a resident  
758 of this state and who is the unremarried surviving spouse of a  
759 recipient of the Purple Heart medal shall, upon application  
760 therefor to the department, with the payment of the required  
761 fees, be issued a license plate as provided in s. 320.06, on  
762 which license plate are stamped the words "Purple Heart" and the  
763 likeness of the Purple Heart medal followed by the serial  
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764 number. Each application shall be accompanied by proof that the  
765 applicant is the unremarried surviving spouse of a recipient of  
766 the Purple Heart medal.

767 (4) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
768 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
769 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
770 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
771 hire or commercial use who is a resident of the state and a  
772 current or former member of the United States military who was  
773 deployed and served in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom or in  
774 Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom shall, upon  
775 application to the department, accompanied by proof of active  
776 membership or former active duty status during one of these  
777 operations, and upon payment of the license tax for the vehicle  
778 as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a license plate as provided  
779 by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of the registration license  
780 number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall be stamped the words  
781 "Operation Iraqi Freedom" or "Operation Enduring Freedom," as  
782 appropriate, followed by the registration license number of the  
783 plate.

784 (5) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
785 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
786 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
787 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
788 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
789 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
790 was deployed and served in Vietnam during United States military  
791 deployment in Indochina shall, upon application to the

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792 department, accompanied by proof of active membership or former  
793 active duty status during these operations, and upon payment of  
794 the license tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be  
795 issued a license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in  
796 lieu of the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06,  
797 shall be stamped the words "Vietnam War Veteran," followed by  
798 the registration license number of the plate.

799 (6) The owner or lessee of an automobile or truck for  
800 private use, a truck weighing not more than 7,999 pounds, or a  
801 recreational vehicle as specified in s. 320.08(9)(c) or (d)  
802 which automobile, truck, or recreational vehicle is not used for  
803 hire or commercial use, who is a resident of the state and a  
804 current or former member of the United States military, and who  
805 was deployed and served in Korea during United States military  
806 deployment in Korea shall, upon application to the department,  
807 accompanied by proof of active membership or former active duty  
808 status during these operations, and upon payment of the license  
809 tax for the vehicle as provided in s. 320.08, be issued a  
810 license plate as provided by s. 320.06 upon which, in lieu of  
811 the registration license number prescribed by s. 320.06, shall  
812 be stamped the words "Korean Conflict Veteran," followed by the  
813 registration license number of the plate.

814 Section 14. Effective October 1, 2012, section 320.0892,  
815 Florida Statutes, is created to read:

816 320.0892 Motor vehicle license plates for recipients of  
817 the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air  
818 Force Cross.-Upon receipt of an application and proof that the  
819 applicant meets the qualifications listed in this section for

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820 the applicable license plate, the department shall issue the  
821 license plate without payment of the license tax imposed under  
822 s. 320.08:

823 (1) SILVER STAR.—Any United States citizen who is a  
824 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Silver Star while  
825 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
826 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Silver  
827 Star" followed by the serial number.

828 (2) DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.—Any United States citizen  
829 who is a resident of Florida and who was awarded the  
830 Distinguished Service Cross while serving as a member of the  
831 United States Armed Forces shall be issued a license plate on  
832 which is stamped the words "Distinguished Service Cross"  
833 followed by the serial number.

834 (3) NAVY CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
835 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Navy Cross while  
836 serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces shall be  
837 issued a license plate on which is stamped the words "Navy  
838 Cross" followed by the serial number.

839 (4) AIR FORCE CROSS.—Any United States citizen who is a  
840 resident of Florida and who was awarded the Air Force Cross  
841 while serving as a member of the United States Armed Forces  
842 shall be issued a license plate on which is stamped the words  
843 "Air Force Cross" followed by the serial number.

844 Section 15. Section 683.146, Florida Statutes, is created  
845 to read:

846 683.146 Purple Heart Day.—

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847 (1) August 7 of each year is designated as "Purple Heart  
848 Day."

849 (2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation  
850 designating August 7 as "Purple Heart Day." Public officials,  
851 schools, private organizations, and all residents of the state  
852 are encouraged to commemorate Purple Heart Day and honor those  
853 wounded or killed while serving in any branch of the United  
854 States Armed Services.

855 Section 16. Sections 16 through 20 of this act may be  
856 cited as the "T. Patt Maney Veterans' Treatment Intervention  
857 Act."

858 Section 17. Section 394.47891, Florida Statutes, is  
859 created to read:

860 394.47891 Military veterans and servicemembers court  
861 programs.—The chief judge of each judicial circuit may establish  
862 a Military Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program under which  
863 veterans, as defined in s. 1.01, and servicemembers, as defined  
864 in s. 250.01, who are convicted of a criminal offense and who  
865 suffer from a military-related mental illness, traumatic brain  
866 injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem can  
867 be sentenced in accordance with chapter 921 in a manner that  
868 appropriately addresses the severity of the mental illness,  
869 traumatic brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or  
870 psychological problem through services tailored to the  
871 individual needs of the participant. Entry into any Military  
872 Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program must be based upon the  
873 sentencing court's assessment of the defendant's criminal  
874 history, military service, substance abuse treatment needs,

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875 mental health treatment needs, amenability to the services of  
876 the program, the recommendation of the state attorney and the  
877 victim, if any, and the defendant's agreement to enter the  
878 program.

879 Section 18. Present subsection (7) of section 948.08,  
880 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), and a new  
881 subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

882 948.08 Pretrial intervention program.—

883 (7) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a  
884 person who is charged with a felony, other than a felony listed  
885 in s. 948.06(8)(c), and identified as a veteran, as defined in  
886 s. 1.01, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers  
887 from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain  
888 injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, is  
889 eligible for voluntary admission into a pretrial veterans'  
890 treatment intervention program approved by the chief judge of  
891 the circuit, upon motion of either party or the court's own  
892 motion, except:

893 1. If a defendant was previously offered admission to a  
894 pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program at any time  
895 before trial and the defendant rejected that offer on the  
896 record, the court may deny the defendant's admission to such a  
897 program.

898 2. If a defendant previously entered a court-ordered  
899 veterans' treatment program, the court may deny the defendant's  
900 admission into the pretrial veterans' treatment program.

901 (b) While enrolled in a pretrial intervention program  
902 authorized by this subsection, the participant shall be subject

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903 to a coordinated strategy developed by a veterans' treatment  
904 intervention team. The coordinated strategy should be modeled  
905 after the therapeutic jurisprudence principles and key  
906 components in s. 397.334(4), with treatment specific to the  
907 needs of servicemembers and veterans. The coordinated strategy  
908 may include a protocol of sanctions that may be imposed upon the  
909 participant for noncompliance with program rules. The protocol  
910 of sanctions may include, but need not be limited to, placement  
911 in a treatment program offered by a licensed service provider or  
912 in a jail-based treatment program or serving a period of  
913 incarceration within the time limits established for contempt of  
914 court. The coordinated strategy must be provided in writing to  
915 the participant before the participant agrees to enter into a  
916 pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program or other  
917 pretrial intervention program. Any person whose charges are  
918 dismissed after successful completion of the pretrial veterans'  
919 treatment intervention program, if otherwise eligible, may have  
920 his or her arrest record to the dismissed charges expunged under  
921 s. 943.0585.

922 (c) At the end of the pretrial intervention period, the  
923 court shall consider the recommendation of the treatment program  
924 and the recommendation of the state attorney as to disposition  
925 of the pending charges. The court shall determine, by written  
926 finding, whether the defendant has successfully completed the  
927 pretrial intervention program. If the court finds that the  
928 defendant has not successfully completed the pretrial  
929 intervention program, the court may order the person to continue  
930 in education and treatment, which may include treatment programs

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931 offered by licensed service providers or jail-based treatment  
932 programs, or order that the charges revert to normal channels  
933 for prosecution. The court shall dismiss the charges upon a  
934 finding that the defendant has successfully completed the  
935 pretrial intervention program.

936 Section 19. Section 948.16, Florida Statutes, is amended  
937 to read:

938 948.16 Misdemeanor pretrial substance abuse education and  
939 treatment intervention program; misdemeanor pretrial veterans'  
940 treatment intervention program.-

941 (1) (a) A person who is charged with a misdemeanor for  
942 possession of a controlled substance or drug paraphernalia under  
943 chapter 893, and who has not previously been convicted of a  
944 felony nor been admitted to a pretrial program, is eligible for  
945 voluntary admission into a misdemeanor pretrial substance abuse  
946 education and treatment intervention program, including a  
947 treatment-based drug court program established pursuant to s.  
948 397.334, approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a  
949 period based on the program requirements and the treatment plan  
950 for the offender, upon motion of either party or the court's own  
951 motion, except, if the state attorney believes the facts and  
952 circumstances of the case suggest the defendant is involved in  
953 dealing and selling controlled substances, the court shall hold  
954 a preadmission hearing. If the state attorney establishes, by a  
955 preponderance of the evidence at such hearing, that the  
956 defendant was involved in dealing or selling controlled  
957 substances, the court shall deny the defendant's admission into  
958 the pretrial intervention program.

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959 (b) While enrolled in a pretrial intervention program  
960 authorized by this section, the participant is subject to a  
961 coordinated strategy developed by a drug court team under s.  
962 397.334(4). The coordinated strategy may include a protocol of  
963 sanctions that may be imposed upon the participant for  
964 noncompliance with program rules. The protocol of sanctions may  
965 include, but is not limited to, placement in a substance abuse  
966 treatment program offered by a licensed service provider as  
967 defined in s. 397.311 or in a jail-based treatment program or  
968 serving a period of incarceration within the time limits  
969 established for contempt of court. The coordinated strategy must  
970 be provided in writing to the participant before the participant  
971 agrees to enter into a pretrial treatment-based drug court  
972 program or other pretrial intervention program. Any person whose  
973 charges are dismissed after successful completion of the  
974 treatment-based drug court program, if otherwise eligible, may  
975 have his or her arrest record and plea of nolo contendere to the  
976 dismissed charges expunged under s. 943.0585.

977 (2) (a) A veteran, as defined in s. 1.01, or servicemember,  
978 as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers from a military service-  
979 related mental illness, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse  
980 disorder, or psychological problem, and who is charged with a  
981 misdemeanor is eligible for voluntary admission into a  
982 misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program  
983 approved by the chief judge of the circuit, for a period based  
984 on the program's requirements and the treatment plan for the  
985 offender, upon motion of either party or the court's own motion.  
986 However, the court may deny the defendant admission into a

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987 misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program if  
988 the defendant has previously entered a court-ordered veterans'  
989 treatment program.

990 (b) While enrolled in a pretrial intervention program  
991 authorized by this section, the participant shall be subject to  
992 a coordinated strategy developed by a veterans' treatment  
993 intervention team. The coordinated strategy should be modeled  
994 after the therapeutic jurisprudence principles and key  
995 components in s. 397.334(4), with treatment specific to the  
996 needs of veterans and servicemembers. The coordinated strategy  
997 may include a protocol of sanctions that may be imposed upon the  
998 participant for noncompliance with program rules. The protocol  
999 of sanctions may include, but need not be limited to, placement  
1000 in a treatment program offered by a licensed service provider or  
1001 in a jail-based treatment program or serving a period of  
1002 incarceration within the time limits established for contempt of  
1003 court. The coordinated strategy must be provided in writing to  
1004 the participant before the participant agrees to enter into a  
1005 misdemeanor pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program or  
1006 other pretrial intervention program. Any person whose charges  
1007 are dismissed after successful completion of the misdemeanor  
1008 pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program, if otherwise  
1009 eligible, may have his or her arrest record to the dismissed  
1010 charges expunged under s. 943.0585.

1011 (3)~~(2)~~ At the end of the pretrial intervention period, the  
1012 court shall consider the recommendation of the treatment program  
1013 and the recommendation of the state attorney as to disposition  
1014 of the pending charges. The court shall determine, by written  
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1015 finding, whether the defendant successfully completed the  
1016 pretrial intervention program. Notwithstanding the coordinated  
1017 strategy developed by a drug court team pursuant to s.  
1018 397.334(4) or by the veterans' treatment intervention team, if  
1019 the court finds that the defendant has not successfully  
1020 completed the pretrial intervention program, the court may order  
1021 the person to continue in education and treatment or return the  
1022 charges to the criminal docket for prosecution. The court shall  
1023 dismiss the charges upon finding that the defendant has  
1024 successfully completed the pretrial intervention program.

1025 (4) ~~(3)~~ Any public or private entity providing a pretrial  
1026 substance abuse education and treatment program under this  
1027 section shall contract with the county or appropriate  
1028 governmental entity. The terms of the contract shall include,  
1029 but not be limited to, the requirements established for private  
1030 entities under s. 948.15(3). This requirement does not apply to  
1031 services provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the  
1032 United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

1033 Section 20. Section 948.21, Florida Statutes, is created  
1034 to read:

1035 948.21 Condition of probation or community control;  
1036 military servicemembers and veterans.—Effective for a  
1037 probationer or community controllee whose crime was committed on  
1038 or after July 1, 2012, and who is a veteran, as defined in s.  
1039 1.01, or servicemember, as defined in s. 250.01, who suffers  
1040 from a military service-related mental illness, traumatic brain  
1041 injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological problem, the  
1042 court may, in addition to any other conditions imposed, impose a

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1043 condition requiring the probationer or community controllee to  
1044 participate in a treatment program capable of treating the  
1045 probationer or community controllee's mental illness, traumatic  
1046 brain injury, substance abuse disorder, or psychological  
1047 problem. The court shall give preference to treatment programs  
1048 for which the probationer or community controllee is eligible  
1049 through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the  
1050 Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Department of  
1051 Corrections is not required to spend state funds to implement  
1052 this section.

1053 Section 21. Section 1004.075, Florida Statutes, is created  
1054 to read:

1055 1004.075 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
1056 Florida College System institution and state university that  
1057 offers priority course registration for a segment of the student  
1058 population, or upon implementation of priority course  
1059 registration for a segment of the student population, shall  
1060 provide priority course registration for each veteran of the  
1061 United States Armed Forces who is receiving GI Bill educational  
1062 benefits or for the spouse or dependent children of the veteran  
1063 to whom the GI Bill educational benefits have been transferred.  
1064 Each eligible veteran, or his or her spouse or dependent  
1065 children, shall be granted priority for course registration  
1066 until the expiration of the GI Bill educational benefits.

1067 Section 22. Section 1005.09, Florida Statutes, is created  
1068 to read:

1069 1005.09 Priority course registration for veterans.—Each  
1070 independent postsecondary educational institution defined in s.  
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1071 1005.02(11) that offers priority course registration for a  
1072 segment of the student population, or upon implementation of  
1073 priority course registration for a segment of the student  
1074 population, is encouraged to provide priority course  
1075 registration for each veteran of the United States Armed Forces,  
1076 or his or her spouse or dependent children, who is receiving GI  
1077 Bill educational benefits, in accordance with s. 1004.075.

1078 Section 23. SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway  
1079 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
1080 markers.-

1081 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/27A/98/State Road 55  
1082 between the Suwannee River Bridge and N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous  
1083 Road/Kate Green Road in Dixie County is designated as "SP4  
1084 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial Highway."

1085 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1086 suitable markers designating SP4 Thomas Berry Corbin Memorial  
1087 Highway as described in subsection (1).

1088 Section 24. U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr.,  
1089 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
1090 erect suitable markers.-

1091 (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55  
1092 between N.E. 592nd Street/Chavous Road/Kate Green Road and N.E.  
1093 170th Street in Dixie County is designated as "U.S. Navy BMC  
1094 Samuel Calhoun Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway."

1095 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1096 suitable markers designating U.S. Navy BMC Samuel Calhoun  
1097 Chavous, Jr., Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

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1098       Section 25. Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing  
1099 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
1100 erect suitable markers.-

1101       (1) That portion of State Road 24 between County Road 347  
1102 and Bridge Number 340053 in Levy County is designated as "Marine  
1103 Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing Memorial Highway."

1104       (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1105 suitable markers designating Marine Lance Corporal Brian R.  
1106 Buesing Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1107       Section 26. United States Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell  
1108 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
1109 erect suitable markers.-

1110       (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 19/98/State Road 55/S.  
1111 Main Street between N.W. 1st Avenue and S.E. 2nd Avenue in Levy  
1112 County is designated as "United States Army Sergeant Karl A.  
1113 Campbell Memorial Highway."

1114       (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1115 suitable markers designating United States Army Sergeant Karl A.  
1116 Campbell Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1117       Section 27. U.S. Army SPC James A. Page Memorial Highway  
1118 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
1119 markers.-

1120       (1) That portion of U.S. Highway 27A/State Road  
1121 500/Hathaway Avenue between State Road 24/Thrasher Drive and  
1122 Town Court in Levy County is designated as "U.S. Army SPC James  
1123 A. Page Memorial Highway."

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1124 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1125 suitable markers designating U.S. Army SPC James A. Page  
1126 Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1127 Section 28. USS Stark Memorial Drive designated;  
1128 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1129 (1) That portion of State Road 101/Mayport Road between  
1130 State Road A1A and Wonderwood Connector in Duval County is  
1131 designated as "USS Stark Memorial Drive."

1132 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1133 suitable markers designating USS Stark Memorial Drive as  
1134 described in subsection (1).

1135 Section 29. Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF "Malibu" Road  
1136 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
1137 markers.-

1138 (1) That portion of State Road 44 between U.S. Highway 441  
1139 and State Road 44/East Orange Avenue near the City of Eustis in  
1140 Lake County is designated as "Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF  
1141 'Malibu' Road."

1142 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1143 suitable markers designating Captain Jim Reynolds, Jr., USAF  
1144 "Malibu" Road as described in subsection (1).

1145 Section 30. Veterans Memorial Highway designated;  
1146 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1147 (1) That portion of State Road 19 between U.S. 17/State  
1148 Road 15 and Carriage Drive in Putnam County is designated as  
1149 "Veterans Memorial Highway."

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1150 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1151 suitable markers designating Veterans Memorial Highway as  
1152 described in subsection (1).

1153 Section 31. U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez  
1154 Memorial Highway designated; Department of Transportation to  
1155 erect suitable markers.-

1156 (1) That portion of State Road 513 between Banana River  
1157 Drive and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated  
1158 as "U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel Sanchez Memorial Highway."

1159 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1160 suitable markers designating U.S. Army Sergeant Robert Daniel  
1161 Sanchez Memorial Highway as described in subsection (1).

1162 Section 32. U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage  
1163 Highway designated; Department of Transportation to erect  
1164 suitable markers.-

1165 (1) That portion of State Road A1A between Pinetree Drive  
1166 and Eau Gallie Boulevard in Brevard County is designated as  
1167 "U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin Schrage Highway."

1168 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1169 suitable markers designating U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Dustin  
1170 Schrage Highway as described in subsection (1).

1171 Section 33. Purple Heart Memorial Highway designated;  
1172 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.-

1173 (1) That portion of State Road 20/John Sims Parkway (57-  
1174 040-000) between State Road 85 and the Walton County Line in  
1175 Okaloosa County is designated as "Purple Heart Memorial  
1176 Highway."

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1177 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to erect  
1178 suitable markers designating Purple Heart Memorial Highway as  
1179 described in subsection (1).

1180 Section 34. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this  
1181 act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon  
1182 this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,  
1183 2012.

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Remove the entire title and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to military support; amending s.

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14.34, F.S.; revising the definition of "exceptional

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meritorious service" with respect to the Governor's

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Medal of Merit; amending s. 163.3175, F.S.;

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authorizing the Florida Defense Support Task Force to

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recommend to the Legislature specified changes in

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military installations and local governments under the

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Community Planning Act; clarifying and revising

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procedures related to exchange of information between

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military installations and local governments under the

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act; amending s. 196.173, F.S.; authorizing

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servicemembers who receive a homestead exemption and

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who are deployed in certain military operations to

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receive an additional ad valorem tax exemption;

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providing a deadline for claiming tax exemptions for

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1205       qualifying deployments during the 2011 calendar year;  
1206       providing procedures and requirements for filing  
1207       applications and petitions to receive the tax  
1208       exemption after expiration of the deadline; providing  
1209       application; amending s. 265.003, F.S.; creating the  
1210       Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council; providing for  
1211       membership and terms of appointment; providing for the  
1212       appointment of a chair; providing for meetings, a  
1213       quorum, and voting; providing for reimbursement of  
1214       travel expenses; providing for the removal of an  
1215       appointee; providing for the Florida Veterans' Hall of  
1216       Fame Council rather than the Department of Veterans'  
1217       Affairs to select nominees for induction into the  
1218       Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and to establish the  
1219       criteria for selection; amending s. 288.972, F.S.;  
1220       revising legislative intent with respect to proposed  
1221       closure or reuse of military bases; amending s.  
1222       288.980, F.S.; creating the Military Base Protection  
1223       Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity;  
1224       providing for use of program funds; revising  
1225       provisions relating to the award of grants for  
1226       retention of military installations; revising a  
1227       definition; eliminating the Florida Economic  
1228       Reinvestment Initiative; establishing the Florida  
1229       Defense Reinvestment Grant Program to be administered  
1230       by the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying  
1231       purposes of the program; specifying activities for  
1232       which grant awards may be provided; eliminating the

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1233 Defense-Related Business Adjustment Program, the  
1234 Florida Defense Planning Grant Program, the Florida  
1235 Defense Implementation Grant Program, the Florida  
1236 Military Installation Reuse Planning and Marketing  
1237 Grant Program, and the Retention of Military  
1238 Installations Program; transferring and reassigning  
1239 the functions and responsibilities of the Florida  
1240 Council on Military Base and Mission Support within  
1241 the Department of Economic Opportunity to the Florida  
1242 Defense Support Task Force within the Department of  
1243 Economic Opportunity by type two transfer; repealing  
1244 s. 288.984, F.S., which establishes the Florida  
1245 Council on Military Base and Mission Support and  
1246 provides purposes thereof; amending s. 288.985, F.S.;  
1247 conforming provisions relating to exempt records and  
1248 meetings of the Council on Military Base and Mission  
1249 Support; amending s. 288.987, F.S.; revising  
1250 provisions relating to the Florida Defense Support  
1251 Task Force, to conform; amending s. 295.187, F.S.;  
1252 revising legislative intent; renaming and revising the  
1253 Florida Service-Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise  
1254 Opportunity Act to expand the vendor preference in  
1255 state contracting to include certain businesses owned  
1256 and operated by wartime veterans or veterans of a  
1257 period of war; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing  
1258 for the issuance of a Combat Infantry Badge license  
1259 plate; providing qualifications and requirements for  
1260 the plate; providing for the use of proceeds from the

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1261 sale of the plate; providing for issuance of a Vietnam  
1262 War Veterans' license plate and the Korean Conflict  
1263 Veterans' license plate; providing qualifications and  
1264 requirements for the plates; creating s. 320.0892,  
1265 F.S.; providing for the Department of Highway Safety  
1266 and Motor Vehicles to issue Silver Star, Distinguished  
1267 Service Cross, Navy Cross, and Air Force Cross license  
1268 plates, without payment of the license tax, to persons  
1269 meeting specified criteria; creating s. 683.146, F.S.;  
1270 designating August 7 of each year as "Purple Heart  
1271 Day"; providing a short title; creating s. 394.47891,  
1272 F.S.; authorizing the chief judge of each judicial  
1273 circuit to establish a Military Veterans and  
1274 Servicemembers Court Program for specified veterans  
1275 and servicemembers; providing criteria for entry into  
1276 the program; authorizing a judge to impose a condition  
1277 of supervision upon specified probationers and  
1278 community controllees requiring such person to  
1279 participate in a treatment program; requiring the  
1280 court to give preference to certain treatment  
1281 programs; providing that the Department of Corrections  
1282 is not required to spend state funds to implement  
1283 these provisions; amending s. 948.08, F.S.; creating a  
1284 pretrial veterans' and servicemembers' treatment  
1285 intervention program; providing requirements for a  
1286 defendant to be voluntarily admitted to the pretrial  
1287 program; providing certain exceptions to such  
1288 admission; providing for the disposition of pending

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1289 charges following a defendant's completion of the  
1290 pretrial intervention program; providing for the  
1291 charges to be expunged under certain circumstances;  
1292 amending s. 948.16, F.S.; creating a misdemeanor  
1293 pretrial veterans' treatment intervention program;  
1294 providing requirements for voluntary admission to the  
1295 misdemeanor pretrial program; providing for the  
1296 misdemeanor charges to be expunged under certain  
1297 circumstances; exempting treatment services provided  
1298 by the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the United  
1299 States Department of Veterans Affairs from certain  
1300 contract requirements; creating s. 948.21, F.S.;  
1301 authorizing a judge to impose a condition of  
1302 supervision upon specified probationers and community  
1303 controllees requiring such person to participate in a  
1304 treatment program; requiring the court to give  
1305 preference to certain treatment programs; providing  
1306 that the Department of Corrections is not required to  
1307 spend state funds to implement these provisions;  
1308 creating s. 1004.075, F.S.; requiring certain Florida  
1309 College System institutions and state universities to  
1310 provide priority course registration for veterans;  
1311 providing eligibility requirements; creating s.  
1312 1005.09, F.S.; encouraging certain independent  
1313 postsecondary educational institutions to provide  
1314 priority course registration for veterans; providing  
1315 honorary designations of certain transportation  
1316 facilities in specified counties; directing the

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1317 Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
1318 markers; providing effective dates.