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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Appropriations Committee
 2 Representative Steube offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

6 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 322.08, Florida
 7 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (9), and a new subsection
 8 (8) is added to that section, to read:

9 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
 10 and identification card forms.—

11 (8) (a) To support the carrying out of the duties of the
 12 Department of Veterans' Affairs prescribed in s. 292.05 and to
 13 facilitate outreach to veterans residing in this state, the
 14 application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver
 15 license or identification card must include a voluntary checkoff
 16 authorizing a veteran of the United States Armed Forces to
 17 request written or electronic information on federal, state, and

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18 local benefits and services available to veterans. The veteran
19 may elect to receive requested information through United States
20 mail or by e-mail. The requested information shall be delivered
21 to the veteran by any third-party provider selected by the
22 Department of Veterans' Affairs to act on its behalf.

23 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Department
24 of Veterans' Affairs to administer this subsection. The
25 department shall report monthly to the Department of Veterans'
26 Affairs the name and mailing address or e-mail address of each
27 veteran who requests information as provided in paragraph (a).
28 Following receipt of the monthly report, the Department of
29 Veterans' Affairs shall disseminate the contact information for
30 each such veteran to the third-party provider acting on its
31 behalf. The third-party provider must be a nonprofit
32 organization with sufficient ability to communicate with
33 veterans residing throughout this state. For purposes of this
34 paragraph, the term "nonprofit organization" means an
35 organization exempt from the federal income tax under s. 501 of
36 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any federal, state, or
37 local governmental entity.

38 (c) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (b), the
39 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall disseminate the contact
40 information for a veteran who selects the voluntary checkoff to
41 the appropriate county or city veteran service officer in order
42 to facilitate further outreach to veterans.

43 (d)1. The contact information of a veteran that is

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44 obtained by a third-party provider pursuant to this subsection
45 may be used only as authorized by this subsection. The third-
46 party provider may not sell such contact information. Except as
47 otherwise provided, the third-party provider must maintain the
48 confidentiality of the contact information in accordance with
49 chapter 119 and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of
50 1994, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721 et seq.

51 2. A person who willfully and knowingly violates this
52 paragraph commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable
53 as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

54 Section 2. Subsection (7) of section 322.21, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 322.21 License fees; procedure for handling and collecting
57 fees.—

58 (7) Any veteran honorably discharged from the Armed Forces
59 who has been issued a valid identification card by the
60 Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17,
61 has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans
62 Affairs or its predecessor to have a 100-percent total and
63 permanent service-connected disability rating for compensation,
64 or has been determined to have a service-connected total and
65 permanent disability rating of 100 percent, is in receipt of
66 disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States
67 Armed Services, or any veteran honorably discharged from the
68 Armed Forces who has served in combat and was disabled during

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69 service, and who is qualified to obtain a driver license under
70 this chapter is exempt from all fees required by this section.

71 Section 3. Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task
72 Force.—The Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force, a
73 task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created
74 within the Department of State. The task force is created for
75 the express purpose of studying issues involving the development
76 and implementation of an online voting system that allows absent
77 uniformed services voters to electronically submit voted
78 ballots.

79 (1) The task force is composed of 20 members, as follows:

80 (a) The Secretary of State or his or her designee, who
81 shall serve as chair of the task force.

82 (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee.

83 (c) The executive director of the Department of Veterans'
84 Affairs or his or her designee.

85 (d) The executive director of the Agency for State
86 Technology or his or her designee.

87 (e) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
88 the Senate.

89 (f) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
90 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

91 (g) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
92 Leader of the Senate.

93 (h) One member of the House of Representatives appointed
94 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

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115 (i) One member appointed by the Governor.

116 (j) Six supervisors of elections appointed by the
117 Secretary of State.

118 (k) Five individuals appointed by the Secretary of State,
119 with relevant expertise in computers, the Internet, or other
120 associated technologies.

121 (2) Members of the task force shall serve without
122 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
123 travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

124 (3) The task force, at a minimum, shall study and report
125 on the following issues:

126 (a) Any factor that limits the ability of absent uniformed
127 services voters to request, receive, and return absentee ballots
128 within the current statutory time period for casting absentee
129 ballots.

130 (b) The costs associated with the development and
131 implementation of an online voting system.

132 (c) The feasibility of absent uniformed services voters
133 using an online voting system to electronically submit a voted
134 ballot.

135 (d) The security of electronically submitting a voted
136 ballot through an online voting system.

137 (e) Procedures adopted by other states to facilitate
138 greater electoral participation among absent uniformed services
139 voters.

140 (4) The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the

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121 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
122 House of Representatives by July 1, 2016, containing the task
123 force's recommendation concerning whether the state should
124 pursue the development and implementation of an online voting
125 system that allows absent uniformed services voters to
126 electronically submit voted ballots. If the task force favorably
127 recommends an online voting system, the report must include
128 recommended steps for developing and implementing such a system.
129 Upon submission of the report, the task force shall expire.

130 (5) The Division of Elections of the Department of State
131 shall provide support staff for the task force. The Agency for
132 State Technology shall assist the task force upon request.

133 Section 4. The Legislature finds that many veterans of the
134 United States Armed Forces in this state have completed training
135 and coursework during their military service, including overseas
136 deployments, resulting in tangible and quantifiable strides in
137 their pursuit of a postsecondary degree. The Legislature further
138 finds that the State Board of Education and the Board of
139 Governors of the State University System must work together to
140 ensure that military training and coursework are granted
141 academic credit in order to assist veterans in continuing their
142 education. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that
143 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors work
144 collaboratively to:

145 (1) Align existing degree programs, including, but not
146 limited to, vocational and technical degrees, at each state

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147 university and Florida College System institution with
148 applicable military training and experience to maximize academic
149 credit award for such training and experience.

150 (2) Appoint and train specific faculty within each degree
151 program at each state university and Florida College System
152 institution as liaisons and contacts for veterans.

153 (3) Incorporate outreach services tailored to disabled
154 veterans into existing disability services on the campus of each
155 state university and Florida College System institution to make
156 available to such veterans information on disability services
157 provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
158 other federal and state agencies, and private entities.

159 (4) Facilitate statewide meetings for personnel at state
160 universities and Florida College System institutions who provide
161 student services for veterans to discuss and develop best
162 practices, exchange ideas and experiences, and attend
163 presentations by individuals with expertise in the unique needs
164 of veterans.

165 (5) Make every effort to provide veterans with sufficient
166 courses required for graduation, including, but not limited to,
167 giving priority registration to veterans.

168 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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171 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

172 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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173 A bill to be entitled
174 An act relating to military affairs; amending s.
175 322.08, F.S.; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; requiring the
176 application form for an original, renewal, or
177 replacement driver license or identification card to
178 include a voluntary checkoff authorizing veterans to
179 request written or electronic information on federal,
180 state, and local benefits and services for veterans;
181 requiring that the requested information be delivered
182 by a nonprofit organization; directing the Department
183 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to report veteran
184 contact information to the Department of Veterans'
185 Affairs; directing the Department of Veteran' Affairs
186 to disseminate veteran contact information to county
187 or city veteran service officers; prohibiting a third-
188 party provider from selling veteran contact
189 information; requiring a third-party provider to
190 maintain confidentiality of veteran contact
191 information under specified provisions; providing a
192 penalty; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; exempting certain
193 veterans from fees relating to driver licenses and
194 identification cards; creating the Military and
195 Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the
196 Department of State; specifying membership of the task
197 force; authorizing reimbursement for per diem and
198 travel expenses; prescribing duties of the task force;

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199 requiring submission of a report to the Governor and
200 the Legislature by a specified date; providing for
201 expiration of the task force; providing for staffing;
202 providing legislative findings regarding continuing
203 education for veterans; providing legislative intent
204 for the State Board of Education and the Board of
205 Governors of the State University System to work
206 collaboratively to align existing degree programs at
207 state universities and Florida College System
208 institutions, train faculty, incorporate outreach
209 services into existing disability services, facilitate
210 statewide meetings for personnel, and provide
211 sufficient courses and priority registration to
212 veterans; providing an effective date.