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The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Stargel) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (624704) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 109 - 172
5 and insert:

6 (1) Align existing degree programs, including, but not
7 limited to, vocational and technical degrees, at each state
8 university and Florida College System institution with
9 applicable military training and experience to maximize academic
10 credit award for such training and experience.



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

14 (3) Incorporate outreach services tailored to disabled
15 veterans into existing disability services on the campus of each
16 state university and Florida College System institution to make
17 available to such veterans information on disability services
18 provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,
19 other federal and state agencies, and private entities.

20 (4) Facilitate statewide meetings for personnel at state
21 universities and Florida College System institutions who provide
22 student services for veterans to discuss and develop best
23 practices, exchange ideas and experiences, and attend
24 presentations by individuals with expertise in the unique needs
25 of veterans.

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

29 Section 3. Present subsection (8) of section 322.08,
30 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (9), and a new
31 subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:

32 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
33 and identification card forms.—

34 (8) (a) To support the carrying out of the duties of the
35 Department of Veterans' Affairs prescribed in s. 292.05 and to
36 facilitate outreach to veterans residing in this state, the
37 application form for an original, renewal, or replacement driver
38 license or identification card must include a voluntary checkoff
39 authorizing a veteran of the United States Armed Forces to



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40 request written or electronic information on federal, state, and
41 local benefits and services available to veterans. The veteran
42 may elect to receive requested information through United States
43 mail or by e-mail. The requested information shall be delivered
44 to the veteran by a third-party provider acting on behalf of the
45 Department of Veterans' Affairs.

46 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Department of
47 Veterans' Affairs to administer this subsection. The department
48 shall report monthly to the Department of Veterans' Affairs the
49 name and mailing address or e-mail address of each veteran who
50 requests information as provided in paragraph (a). Following
51 receipt of the monthly report, the Department of Veterans'
52 Affairs shall disseminate the contact information for each such
53 veteran to the third-party provider acting on its behalf. The
54 third-party provider must be a nonprofit organization with
55 sufficient ability to communicate with veterans residing
56 throughout this state. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
57 "nonprofit organization" means an organization exempt from the
58 federal income tax under s. 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of
59 1986 or any federal, state, or local governmental entity.

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

65 (d)1. The contact information of a veteran which is
66 obtained by a third-party provider pursuant to this subsection
67 may be used only as authorized by this subsection. The third-
68 party provider may not sell such contact information. Except as



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69 otherwise provided, the third-party provider must maintain the
70 confidentiality of the contact information in accordance with
71 chapter 119 and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of
72 1994, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721 et seq.

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

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78 And the title is amended as follows:

79 Delete lines 16 - 31

80 and insert:

81 align existing degree programs at state universities
82 and Florida College System institutions, train
83 faculty, incorporate outreach services into existing
84 disability services, facilitate statewide meetings for
85 personnel, and provide sufficient courses and priority
86 registration to veterans; amending s. 322.08, F.S.;
87 requiring the application form for an original,
88 renewal, or replacement driver license or
89 identification card to include a voluntary checkoff
90 authorizing veterans to request written or electronic
91 information on federal, state, and local benefits and
92 services for veterans; requiring the requested
93 information to be delivered by a third-party provider;
94 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
95 Vehicles to report monthly to the Department of
96 Veterans' Affairs the names and mailing or e-mail
97 addresses of veterans who request information;



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98 requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
99 disseminate veteran contact information to the third-
100 party provider; requiring that the third-party
101 provider be a nonprofit organization; defining the
102 term "nonprofit organization"; requiring that the
103 Department of Veterans' Affairs provide veteran
104 contact information to the appropriate county or city
105 veteran service officer; specifying that a third-party
106 provider may use veteran contact information only as
107 authorized; prohibiting a third-party provider from
108 selling veteran contact information; requiring a
109 third-party provider to maintain confidentiality of
110 veteran contact information under specified
111 provisions; providing a penalty; providing an
112 effective date.