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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 109 - 172
and insert:

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

(2) Appoint and train specific faculty within each degree



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11 program at each state university and Florida College System
12 institution as liaisons and contacts for veterans.

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

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

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

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

31 322.08 Application for license; requirements for license
32 and identification card forms.—

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



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40 local benefits and services available to veterans. The veteran
41 may elect to receive requested information through United States
42 mail or by e-mail. A county or city veteran service officer
43 shall deliver the requested information to the veteran through a
44 third-party provider acting on behalf of the Department of
45 Veterans' Affairs. If the veteran does not have access to a
46 county or city veteran service officer, the Department of
47 Veterans' Affairs shall deliver the requested information to the
48 veteran through a third-party provider acting on its behalf.

49 (b) The department shall collaborate with the Department of
50 Veterans' Affairs to administer this subsection. The department
51 shall report monthly to the Department of Veterans' Affairs the
52 name and mailing address or e-mail address of each veteran who
53 requests information as provided in paragraph (a). Following
54 receipt of the monthly report, the Department of Veterans'
55 Affairs shall disseminate the contact information for each such
56 veteran to the third-party provider acting on its behalf and the
57 respective county or city veteran service officer. The third-
58 party provider and the county or city veteran service officer
59 shall coordinate delivery of the information requested pursuant
60 to paragraph (a).

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62 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

63 And the title is amended as follows:

64 Delete lines 16 - 31

65 and insert:

66 align existing degree programs at state universities
67 and Florida College System institutions, train
68 faculty, incorporate outreach services into existing



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69 disability services, facilitate statewide meetings for
70 personnel, and provide sufficient courses and priority
71 registration to veterans; amending s. 322.08, F.S.;
72 requiring the application form for an original,
73 renewal, or replacement driver license or
74 identification card to include a voluntary checkoff
75 permitting veterans to request written or electronic
76 information on federal, state, and local benefits and
77 services for veterans; requiring a county or city
78 veteran service officer to deliver the requested
79 information; requiring the Department of Veterans'
80 Affairs to deliver the requested information under
81 certain circumstances; requiring the Department of
82 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to collaborate with
83 the Department of Veterans' Affairs in the
84 administration of the voluntary checkoff program;
85 requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
86 Vehicles to report monthly to the Department of
87 Veterans' Affairs the names and mailing or e-mail
88 addresses of veterans who request information;
89 requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to
90 disseminate veteran contact information to the third-
91 party provider and respective county or city veteran
92 service officer; requiring the third-party provider
93 and the county or city veteran service officer to
94 coordinate delivery of the requested information;
95 providing an effective date.