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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u>      </u>	(Y/N)
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OTHER	<u>      </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Veteran & Military Affairs  
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Steube offered the following:

4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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 7 Section 1. Present subsection (9) of section 322.08,  
 8 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (10), and a new  
 9 subsection (9) is added to that section, to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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44 (d)1. The contact information of a veteran which is  
45 obtained by a third-party provider pursuant to this subsection  
46 may be used only as authorized by this subsection. The third-  
47 party provider may not sell such contact information. Except as  
48 otherwise provided, the third-party provider must maintain the  
49 confidentiality of the contact information in accordance with  
50 chapter 119 and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of  
51 1994, 18 U.S.C. ss. 2721 et seq.

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

55 Section 2. Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task  
56 Force.—The Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force, a  
57 task force as defined in s. 20.03, Florida Statutes, is created  
58 within the Department of State. The task force is created for  
59 the express purpose of studying issues involving the development  
60 and implementation of an online voting system that allows absent  
61 uniformed services voters who are overseas to electronically  
62 submit voted ballots.

63 (1) The task force is composed of 11 members, as follows:

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

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

67 (c) The executive director of the Agency for State  
68 Technology or his or her designee.

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69 (d) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of  
70 the Senate.

71 (e) One member of the House of Representatives appointed  
72 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

73 (f) Three supervisors of elections appointed by the  
74 Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections.

75 (g) Three individuals appointed by the Secretary of State,  
76 with relevant expertise in computers, the Internet, or other  
77 associated technologies.

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

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

83 (a) Any factor that limits the ability of absent uniformed  
84 services voters who are overseas to request, receive, and return  
85 absentee ballots within the current statutory time period for  
86 casting absentee ballots.

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

89 (c) The feasibility of absent uniformed services voters  
90 who are overseas using an online voting system to electronically  
91 submit a voted ballot.

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

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94 (e) Procedures adopted by other states to facilitate  
95 greater electoral participation among absent uniformed services  
96 voters who are overseas.

97 (4) The Secretary of State shall submit a report to the  
98 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
99 House of Representatives by July 1, 2017, containing the task  
100 force's recommendation concerning whether the state should  
101 pursue the development and implementation of an online voting  
102 system that allows absent uniformed services voters who are  
103 overseas to electronically submit voted ballots. If the task  
104 force favorably recommends an online voting system, the report  
105 must include recommended steps for developing and implementing  
106 such a system. Upon submission of the report, the task force  
107 shall expire.

108 (5) The Division of Elections of the Department of State  
109 shall provide support staff for the task force. The Agency for  
110 State Technology shall assist the task force upon request.

111 Section 3. Legislative findings and intent; continuing  
112 education of veterans of the United States Armed Forces.—The  
113 Legislature finds that many veterans of the United States Armed  
114 Forces in this state have completed training and coursework  
115 during their military service, including overseas deployments,  
116 resulting in tangible and quantifiable strides in their pursuit  
117 of a postsecondary degree. The Legislature further finds that  
118 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of the  
119 State University System must work together to ensure that

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120 military training and coursework are granted academic credit in  
121 order to assist veterans in continuing their education.

122 Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the State  
123 Board of Education and the Board of Governors work  
124 collaboratively to:

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

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

133 (3) Incorporate outreach services tailored to disabled  
134 veterans into existing disability services on the campus of each  
135 state university and Florida College System institution to make  
136 available to such veterans information on disability services  
137 provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs,  
138 other federal and state agencies, and private entities.

139 (4) Facilitate statewide meetings for personnel at state  
140 universities and Florida College System institutions who provide  
141 student services for veterans to discuss and develop best  
142 practices, exchange ideas and experiences, and attend  
143 presentations by individuals with expertise in the unique needs  
144 of veterans.

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

148 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.  
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152 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

153 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
154 An act relating to military and veterans affairs; amending s.  
155 322.08, F.S.; requiring the application form for an original,  
156 renewal, or replacement driver license or identification card to  
157 include a voluntary checkoff authorizing veterans to request  
158 written or electronic information on federal, state, and local  
159 benefits and services for veterans; requiring the requested  
160 information to be delivered by a third-party provider; requiring  
161 the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to report  
162 monthly to the Department of Veterans' Affairs the names and  
163 mailing or e-mail addresses of veterans who request information;  
164 requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to disseminate  
165 veteran contact information to the third-party provider;  
166 requiring that the third-party provider be a nonprofit  
167 organization; defining the term "nonprofit organization";  
168 requiring that the Department of Veterans' Affairs provide  
169 veteran contact information to the appropriate county or city  
170 veteran service officer; specifying that a third-party provider

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171 may use veteran contact information only as authorized;  
172 prohibiting a third-party provider from selling veteran contact  
173 information; requiring a third-party provider to maintain  
174 confidentiality of veteran contact information under specified  
175 provisions; providing a penalty; creating the Military and  
176 Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the Department of  
177 State; specifying membership of the task force; authorizing  
178 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; prescribing  
179 duties of the task force; requiring submission of a report to  
180 the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing  
181 for expiration of the task force; providing for staffing;  
182 providing legislative findings and intent regarding continuing  
183 education for veterans of the United States Armed Forces;  
184 providing legislative intent to require collaboration between  
185 the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors of the  
186 State University System in achieving specified goals regarding  
187 educational opportunities for veterans; providing an effective  
188 date.