

**The Florida Senate**  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/SB 474, 1st Eng.  
INTRODUCER: Governmental Oversight and Accountability and Senator Wright  
SUBJECT: Military Affairs  
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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment - 656697 (body with title)**

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment – 656697** – authorizes local governments to allow, upon adoption of an ordinance or resolution, reservists and National Guard members to receive more than 240 working hours of paid leave while engaged in training ordered under the U.S. military or naval training regulations when assigned active or inactive duty. However, no state funds may be used for these supplemental payments.

The House Amendment also eliminates from the bill the authorization of leaves of absences for public officers and public employees serving in the Florida State Guard.

The House Amendment grants authority to the Adjutant General, as the agency head of DMA, to designate additional directors, not to exceed two Special Projects Officers of the Florida National Guard, as compulsory members of the Senior Management Service Class for Florida Retirement System benefits. It is unclear whether this discretionary authority is limited to designating two Special Projects Officers or whether the authority allows the agency head to designating additional directors with only 2 of those directors serving as Special Projects Officers.

The House Amendment also contains a technical drafting error relating to persons eligible for assistance from the Soldiers and Airmen Assistance Program. However, the substantive application under the House Amendment is similar to the application under the Senate Bill.