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Wednesdays, 11:00am  
Statehouse Room 122  
(Unless Otherwise Noted)

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## **House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee**

### **Minutes 16 October 2019**

Chair Perales called the meeting of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee to order at 10:01 a.m. in Statehouse Room 122. Representative Kick led an opening prayer followed by Representative Miller leading the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Perales recognized the members in the audience that were veterans of our Armed Forces.

Chair Perales asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous hearing. Hearing no objections, the minutes stood approved.

Chair Perales called for Senate Bill 7 for its third hearing.

The Committee heard testimony from three different parties regarding sub SB7 including Bri McKinnon a military spouse, Jermaine Ferguson from the American Legion Department of Ohio, and also Greg Lawson from the Buckeye Institute.

The Chair recognized Vice Chair Hood who motioned to favorably report substitute bill SB7. With 13 affirmative votes and 0 negative votes, the sub bill for SB7 was favorably reported. This concluded the third hearing for Senate Bill 7.

Chair Perales called for the fourth hearing of House Bill 155. Offering time for testimony, the committee heard testimony from Kevin Wain and Jared Smith from the Ohio Association Co Service Veterans Officers.

The Chair asked if there were any questions for the witnesses and seeing none, the chair asked what the pleasure of the committee was. Vice Chair Hood stood up and proposed a sub-bill for HB155. With 13 affirmative votes and 0 negative votes, the sub-bill was adopted. This concluded the fourth hearing of HB155.

Chair Perales spoke about the next meeting with presentations from Major General John Harris on the status of the Army and Air National Guard and an update from Major General (Retired) Deborah Ashenhurst, Director of the Department of Veterans Services about veteran affairs in Ohio.

The committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Rick Perales, Chair

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Casey Weinstein, Secretary

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