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## A BILL

To amend sections 4729.12, 4729.13, 4729.15, 4731.36, 1  
4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03, 5903.10, 5903.11, 2  
5903.12, 5903.121, 5907.01, and 5907.04 and to 3  
enact sections 3333.164, 3345.42, 3345.43, 4  
3345.44, 3345.46, 5903.01, 5903.04, and 5903.05 of 5  
the Revised Code to require state institutions of 6  
higher education to award credit for military 7  
training, and to make other changes regarding 8  
state support and benefits for veterans and their 9  
spouses. 10

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

**Section 1.** That sections 4729.12, 4729.13, 4729.15, 4731.36, 11  
4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03, 5903.10, 5903.11, 5903.12, 5903.121, 12  
5907.01, and 5907.04 be amended and sections 3333.164, 3345.42, 13  
3345.43, 3345.44, 3345.46, 5903.01, 5903.04, and 5903.05 of the 14  
Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 15

**Sec. 3333.164.** (A) As used in this section, "state 16  
institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in 17  
section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 18

(B) Not later than December 31, 2014, the chancellor of the 19  
Ohio board of regents shall do all of the following with regard to 20

the awarding of college credit for military training, experience, 21  
and coursework: 22

(1) Develop a set of standards and procedures for state 23  
institutions of higher education to utilize in the granting of 24  
college credit for military training, experience, and coursework; 25

(2) Create a military articulation and transfer assurance 26  
guide for college credit that is earned through military training, 27  
experience, and coursework. The chancellor shall use the current 28  
articulation and transfer policy adopted pursuant to section 29  
3333.16 of the Revised Code as a model in developing this guide. 30

(3) Create a web site that contains information related to 31  
the awarding of college credit for military training, experience, 32  
and coursework. The web site shall include both of the following: 33

(a) Standardized resources that address frequently asked 34  
questions regarding the awarding of such credit and related 35  
issues. 36

(b) A statewide database that shows how specified military 37  
training, experience, and coursework translates to college credit. 38

(4) Develop a statewide training program that prepares 39  
faculty and staff of state institutions of higher education to 40  
evaluate various military training, experience, and coursework and 41  
to award appropriate equivalent credit. The training program shall 42  
incorporate the best practices of awarding credit for military 43  
experiences, including both the recommendations of the American 44  
council on education and the standards developed by the council 45  
for adult and experiential learning. 46

(C) Beginning on July 1, 2015, state institutions of higher 47  
education shall ensure that appropriate equivalent credit is 48  
awarded for military training, experience, and coursework that 49  
meet the standards developed by the chancellor pursuant to this 50  
section. 51

Sec. 3345.42. Not later than December 31, 2014, the board of 52  
trustees of each state institution of higher education, as defined 53  
in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall do both of the 54  
following: 55

(A) Designate at least one person employed by the institution 56  
to serve as the contact person for veterans affairs. This person 57  
shall assist and advise veterans on issues related to earning 58  
college credit for military training, experience, and coursework. 59

(B) Adopt a policy regarding the support and assistance the 60  
institution will provide to veterans. 61

The chancellor of the Ohio board of regents shall provide 62  
guidance to state institutions of higher education in their 63  
compliance with this section, including the recommendation of 64  
standardized policies on support and assistance to veterans. 65

Sec. 3345.43. (A) Not later than December 31, 2014, and 66  
continuing thereafter, each state institution of higher education, 67  
as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall provide 68  
a student who is either a veteran or a service member with 69  
priority for course registration. 70

(B) As used in this section: 71

(1) "Service member" means a person who is serving in the 72  
armed forces of the United States. 73

(2) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in 74  
the armed forces, including the national guard of any state or a 75  
reserve component of the armed forces, and who has been discharged 76  
under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been 77  
transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service. 78

Sec. 3345.44. Not later than December 31, 2014, the board of 79  
trustees or managing authority of each state institution of higher 80

education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, 81  
shall establish an appeals procedure for students who are veterans 82  
for resolving disputes regarding the awarding of college credit 83  
for military experience. 84

**Sec. 3345.46.** (A) On or after December 31, 2014, no state 85  
institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of 86  
the Revised Code, shall charge a student who is a veteran or a 87  
service member any fee for the evaluation of, transcription of, or 88  
application for college credit for military experience. 89

(B) As used in this section: 90

(1) "Service member" means a person who is serving in the 91  
armed forces of the United States. 92

(2) "Veteran" means any person who has completed service in 93  
the armed forces, including the national guard of any state or a 94  
reserve component of the armed forces, and who has been discharged 95  
under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been 96  
transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service. 97

**Sec. 4729.12.** An identification card issued by the state 98  
board of pharmacy under section 4729.08 of the Revised Code 99  
entitles the individual to whom it is issued to practice as a 100  
pharmacist or as a pharmacy intern in this state until the next 101  
annual renewal date. 102

Identification cards shall be renewed annually on the 103  
fifteenth day of September, according to the standard renewal 104  
procedure of Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code. 105

Each pharmacist and pharmacy intern shall carry the 106  
identification card or renewal identification card while engaged 107  
in the practice of pharmacy. The license shall be conspicuously 108  
exposed at the principal place where the pharmacist or pharmacy 109

intern practices pharmacy. 110

A pharmacist or pharmacy intern who desires to continue in 111  
the practice of pharmacy shall file with the board an application 112  
in such form and containing such data as the board may require for 113  
renewal of an identification card. An application filed under this 114  
section may not be withdrawn without the approval of the board. If 115  
the board finds that the applicant's card has not been revoked or 116  
placed under suspension and that the applicant has paid the 117  
renewal fee, has continued pharmacy education in accordance with 118  
the rules of the board, and is entitled to continue in the 119  
practice of pharmacy, the board shall issue a renewal 120  
identification card to the applicant. 121

When an identification card has lapsed for more than sixty 122  
days but application is made within three years after the 123  
expiration of the card, the applicant shall be issued a renewal 124  
identification card without further examination if the applicant 125  
meets the requirements of this section and pays the fee designated 126  
under division ~~(F)~~(A)(5) of section 4729.15 of the Revised Code. 127

**Sec. 4729.13.** A pharmacist who fails to make application to 128  
the state board of pharmacy for a renewal identification card 129  
within a period of three years from the expiration of the 130  
identification card must pass an examination for registration; 131  
except that a pharmacist whose registration has expired, but who 132  
has continually practiced pharmacy in another state under a 133  
license issued by the authority of that state, may obtain a 134  
renewal identification card upon payment to the executive director 135  
of the board the fee designated under division ~~(F)~~(A)(6) of 136  
section 4729.15 of the Revised Code. 137

**Sec. 4729.15.** The (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 138  
this section, the state board of pharmacy shall charge the 139

following fees: 140

~~(A)~~(1) For applying for a license to practice as a 141  
pharmacist, an amount adequate to cover all rentals, compensation 142  
for proctors, and other expenses of the board related to 143  
examination except the expenses of procuring and grading the 144  
examination, which fee shall not be returned if the applicant 145  
fails to pass the examination; 146

~~(B)~~(2) For the examination of an applicant for licensure as a 147  
pharmacist, an amount adequate to cover any expenses to the board 148  
of procuring and grading the examination or any part thereof, 149  
which fee shall not be returned if the applicant fails to pass the 150  
examination; 151

~~(C)~~(3) For issuing a license and an identification card to an 152  
individual who passes the examination described in section 4729.07 153  
of the Revised Code, an amount that is adequate to cover the 154  
expense; 155

~~(D)~~(4) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 156  
identification card within sixty days after the expiration date, 157  
ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents, which fee shall not be 158  
returned if the applicant fails to qualify for renewal; 159

~~(E)~~(5) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 160  
identification card that has lapsed for more than sixty days, but 161  
for less than three years, one hundred thirty-five dollars, which 162  
fee shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 163  
renewal; 164

~~(F)~~(6) For a pharmacist applying for renewal of an 165  
identification card that has lapsed for more than three years, 166  
three hundred thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, which fee 167  
shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 168  
renewal; 169

~~(G)~~(7) For a pharmacist applying for a license and 170

identification card, on presentation of a pharmacist license 171  
granted by another state, three hundred thirty-seven dollars and 172  
fifty cents, which fee shall not be returned if the applicant 173  
fails to qualify for licensure. 174

~~(H)~~(8) For a license and identification card to practice as a 175  
pharmacy intern, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, which fee 176  
shall not be returned if the applicant fails to qualify for 177  
licensure; 178

~~(I)~~(9) For the renewal of a pharmacy intern identification 179  
card, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, which fee shall not be 180  
returned if the applicant fails to qualify for renewal; 181

~~(J)~~(10) For issuing a replacement license to a pharmacist, 182  
twenty-two dollars and fifty cents; 183

~~(K)~~(11) For issuing a replacement license to a pharmacy 184  
intern, seven dollars and fifty cents; 185

~~(L)~~(12) For issuing a replacement identification card to a 186  
pharmacist, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, or pharmacy 187  
intern, seven dollars and fifty cents; 188

~~(M)~~(13) For certifying licensure and grades for reciprocal 189  
licensure, ten dollars; 190

~~(N)~~(14) For making copies of any application, affidavit, or 191  
other document filed in the state board of pharmacy office, an 192  
amount fixed by the board that is adequate to cover the expense, 193  
except that for copies required by federal or state agencies or 194  
law enforcement officers for official purposes, no charge need be 195  
made; 196

~~(O)~~(15) For certifying and affixing the seal of the board, an 197  
amount fixed by the board that is adequate to cover the expense, 198  
except that for certifying and affixing the seal of the board to a 199  
document required by federal or state agencies or law enforcement 200

officers for official purposes, no charge need be made; 201

~~(P)(16)~~ For each copy of a book or pamphlet that includes 202  
laws administered by the state board of pharmacy, rules adopted by 203  
the board, and chapters of the Revised Code with which the board 204  
is required to comply, an amount fixed by the board that is 205  
adequate to cover the expense of publishing and furnishing the 206  
book or pamphlet. 207

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, the fees 208  
described in divisions (A)(1) to (13) of this section do not apply 209  
to an individual who is on active duty in the armed forces of the 210  
United States or to an individual who served in the armed forces 211  
of the United States and presents a valid copy of the individual's 212  
DD-214 form or an equivalent document issued by the United States 213  
department of defense indicating that the individual is an 214  
honorably discharged veteran. 215

(2) The state board of pharmacy may establish limits with 216  
respect to the individuals for whom fees are not applicable under 217  
division (B)(1) of this section. 218

**Sec. 4731.36.** (A) Sections 4731.01 to 4731.47 of the Revised 219  
Code shall not prohibit service in case of emergency, domestic 220  
administration of family remedies, or provision of assistance to 221  
another individual who is self-administering drugs. 222

Sections 4731.01 to 4731.47 of the Revised Code shall not 223  
apply to any of the following: 224

(1) A commissioned medical officer of the armed forces of the 225  
United States ~~armed forces, as defined in section 5903.11 of the 226~~  
~~Revised Code~~, or an employee of the veterans administration of the 227  
United States or the United States public health service in the 228  
discharge of the officer's or employee's professional duties; 229

(2) A dentist authorized under Chapter 4715. of the Revised 230



Code to practice dentistry when engaged exclusively in the 231  
practice of dentistry or when administering anesthetics in the 232  
practice of dentistry; 233

(3) A physician or surgeon in another state or territory who 234  
is a legal practitioner of medicine or surgery therein when 235  
providing consultation to an individual holding a certificate to 236  
practice issued under this chapter who is responsible for the 237  
examination, diagnosis, and treatment of the patient who is the 238  
subject of the consultation, if one of the following applies: 239

(a) The physician or surgeon does not provide consultation in 240  
this state on a regular or frequent basis. 241

(b) The physician or surgeon provides the consultation 242  
without compensation of any kind, direct or indirect, for the 243  
consultation. 244

(c) The consultation is part of the curriculum of a medical 245  
school or osteopathic medical school of this state or a program 246  
described in division (A)(2) of section 4731.291 of the Revised 247  
Code. 248

(4) A physician or surgeon in another state or territory who 249  
is a legal practitioner of medicine or surgery therein and 250  
provided services to a patient in that state or territory, when 251  
providing, not later than one year after the last date services 252  
were provided in another state or territory, follow-up services in 253  
person or through the use of any communication, including oral, 254  
written, or electronic communication, in this state to the patient 255  
for the same condition; 256

(5) A physician or surgeon residing on the border of a 257  
contiguous state and authorized under the laws thereof to practice 258  
medicine and surgery therein, whose practice extends within the 259  
limits of this state. Such practitioner shall not either in person 260  
or through the use of any communication, including oral, written, 261

or electronic communication, open an office or appoint a place to 262  
see patients or receive calls within the limits of this state. 263

(6) A board, committee, or corporation engaged in the conduct 264  
described in division (A) of section 2305.251 of the Revised Code 265  
when acting within the scope of the functions of the board, 266  
committee, or corporation; 267

(7) The conduct of an independent review organization 268  
accredited by the superintendent of insurance under section 269  
3922.13 of the Revised Code for the purpose of external reviews 270  
conducted under Chapter 3922. of the Revised Code. 271

As used in division (A)(1) of this section, "armed forces of 272  
the United States" means the army, air force, navy, marine corps, 273  
coast guard, and any other military service branch that is 274  
designated by congress as a part of the armed forces of the United 275  
States. 276

(B)(1) Subject to division (B)(2) of this section, this 277  
chapter does not apply to a person who holds a current, 278  
unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery or 279  
osteopathic medicine and surgery in another state when the person, 280  
pursuant to a written agreement with an athletic team located in 281  
the state in which the person holds the license, provides medical 282  
services to any of the following while the team is traveling to or 283  
from or participating in a sporting event in this state: 284

(a) A member of the athletic team; 285

(b) A member of the athletic team's coaching, communications, 286  
equipment, or sports medicine staff; 287

(c) A member of a band or cheerleading squad accompanying the 288  
athletic team; 289

(d) The athletic team's mascot. 290

(2) In providing medical services pursuant to division (B)(1) 291

of this section, the person shall not provide medical services at 292  
a health care facility, including a hospital, an ambulatory 293  
surgical facility, or any other facility in which medical care, 294  
diagnosis, or treatment is provided on an inpatient or outpatient 295  
basis. 296

(C) Sections 4731.51 to 4731.61 of the Revised Code do not 297  
apply to any graduate of a podiatric school or college while 298  
performing those acts that may be prescribed by or incidental to 299  
participation in an accredited podiatric internship, residency, or 300  
fellowship program situated in this state approved by the state 301  
medical board. 302

(D) This chapter does not apply to an oriental medicine 303  
practitioner or acupuncturist who complies with Chapter 4762. of 304  
the Revised Code. 305

(E) This chapter does not prohibit the administration of 306  
drugs by any of the following: 307

(1) An individual who is licensed or otherwise specifically 308  
authorized by the Revised Code to administer drugs; 309

(2) An individual who is not licensed or otherwise 310  
specifically authorized by the Revised Code to administer drugs, 311  
but is acting pursuant to the rules for delegation of medical 312  
tasks adopted under section 4731.053 of the Revised Code; 313

(3) An individual specifically authorized to administer drugs 314  
pursuant to a rule adopted under the Revised Code that is in 315  
effect on April 10, 2001, as long as the rule remains in effect, 316  
specifically authorizing an individual to administer drugs. 317

(F) The exemptions described in divisions (A)(3), (4), and 318  
(5) of this section do not apply to a physician or surgeon whose 319  
certificate to practice issued under this chapter is under 320  
suspension or has been revoked or permanently revoked by action of 321  
the state medical board. 322

**Sec. 4743.04.** (A) The renewal of a license or other 323  
authorization to practice a trade or profession issued under Title 324  
XLVII of the Revised Code is subject to the provisions of section 325  
5903.10 of the Revised Code relating to service in the armed 326  
~~forces of the United States or a reserve component of the armed~~ 327  
~~forces of the United States, including the Ohio national guard or~~ 328  
~~the national guard of any other state.~~ 329

(B) Continuing education requirements applicable to the 330  
licensees under Title XLVII of the Revised Code are subject to the 331  
provisions of section 5903.12 of the Revised Code relating to 332  
active duty military service. 333

(C) A department, agency, or office of this state or of any 334  
political subdivision of this state that issues a license or 335  
certificate to practice a trade or profession may, pursuant to 336  
rules adopted by the department, agency, or office, issue a 337  
temporary license or certificate to practice the trade or 338  
profession to a person whose spouse is on active military duty in 339  
this state. 340

(D) The issuance of a license or other authorization to 341  
practice a trade or profession issued under Title XLVII of the 342  
Revised Code is subject to the provisions of section 5903.03 of 343  
the Revised Code relating to service in the armed forces ~~of the~~ 344  
~~United States or a reserve component of the armed forces of the~~ 345  
~~United States, including the Ohio national guard or the national~~ 346  
~~guard of any other state.~~ 347

**Sec. 5902.02.** The duties of the director of veterans services 348  
shall include the following: 349

(A) Furnishing the veterans service commissions of all 350  
counties of the state copies of the state laws, rules, and 351  
legislation relating to the operation of the commissions and their 352

offices; 353

(B) Upon application, assisting the general public in 354  
obtaining records of vital statistics pertaining to veterans or 355  
their dependents; 356

(C) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 357  
Code pertaining to minimum qualifications for hiring, certifying, 358  
and accrediting county veterans service officers, pertaining to 359  
their required duties, and pertaining to revocation of the 360  
certification of county veterans service officers; 361

(D) Adopting rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised 362  
Code for the education, training, certification, and duties of 363  
veterans service commissioners and for the revocation of the 364  
certification of a veterans service commissioner; 365

(E) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements 366  
enhancing employment and training for veterans in single or 367  
multiple county areas; 368

(F) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to 369  
enable county veterans service commissions to address 370  
homelessness, indigency, and other veteran-related issues 371  
individually or jointly; 372

(G) Developing and monitoring programs and agreements to 373  
enable state agencies, individually or jointly, that provide 374  
services to veterans, including the veterans' homes operated under 375  
Chapter 5907. of the Revised Code and the director of job and 376  
family services, to address homelessness, indigency, employment, 377  
and other veteran-related issues; 378

(H) Establishing and providing statistical reporting formats 379  
and procedures for county veterans service commissions; 380

(I) Publishing electronically a listing of county veterans 381  
service offices and county veterans service commissioners. The 382

listing shall include the expiration dates of commission members' 383  
terms of office and the organizations they represent; the names, 384  
addresses, and telephone numbers of county veterans service 385  
offices; and the addresses and telephone numbers of the Ohio 386  
offices and headquarters of state and national veterans service 387  
organizations. 388

(J) Establishing a veterans advisory committee to advise and 389  
assist the department of veterans services in its duties. Members 390  
shall include a member of the national guard association of the 391  
United States who is a resident of this state, a member of the 392  
military officers association of America who is a resident of this 393  
state, a state representative of congressionally chartered 394  
veterans organizations referred to in section 5901.02 of the 395  
Revised Code, a representative of any other congressionally 396  
chartered state veterans organization that has at least one 397  
veterans service commissioner in the state, three representatives 398  
of the Ohio state association of county veterans service 399  
commissioners, who shall have a combined vote of one, three 400  
representatives of the state association of county veterans 401  
service officers, who shall have a combined vote of one, one 402  
representative of the county commissioners association of Ohio, 403  
who shall be a county commissioner not from the same county as any 404  
of the other county representatives, a representative of the 405  
advisory committee on women veterans, a representative of a labor 406  
organization, and a representative of the office of the attorney 407  
general. The department of veterans services shall submit to the 408  
advisory committee proposed rules for the committee's operation. 409  
The committee may review and revise these proposed rules prior to 410  
submitting them to the joint committee on agency rule review. 411

(K) Adopting, with the advice and assistance of the veterans 412  
advisory committee, policy and procedural guidelines that the 413  
veterans service commissions shall adhere to in the development 414

and implementation of rules, policies, procedures, and guidelines 415  
for the administration of Chapter 5901. of the Revised Code. The 416  
department of veterans services shall adopt no guidelines or rules 417  
regulating the purposes, scope, duration, or amounts of financial 418  
assistance provided to applicants pursuant to sections 5901.01 to 419  
5901.15 of the Revised Code. The director of veterans services may 420  
obtain opinions from the office of the attorney general regarding 421  
rules, policies, procedures, and guidelines of the veterans 422  
service commissions and may enforce compliance with Chapter 5901. 423  
of the Revised Code. 424

(L) Receiving copies of form DD214 filed in accordance with 425  
the director's guidelines adopted under division (L) of this 426  
section from members of veterans service commissions appointed 427  
under section 5901.02 and from county veterans service officers 428  
employed under section 5901.07 of the Revised Code; 429

(M) Developing and maintaining and improving a resource, such 430  
as a telephone answering point or a web site, by means of which 431  
veterans and their dependents, through a single portal, can access 432  
multiple sources of information and interaction with regard to the 433  
rights of, and the benefits available to, veterans and their 434  
dependents. The director of veterans services may enter into 435  
agreements with state and federal agencies, with agencies of 436  
political subdivisions, with state and local instrumentalities, 437  
and with private entities as necessary to make the resource as 438  
complete as is possible. 439

(N) Planning, organizing, advertising, and conducting 440  
outreach efforts, such as conferences and fairs, at which veterans 441  
and their dependents may meet, learn about the organization and 442  
operation of the department of veterans services and of veterans 443  
service commissions, and obtain information about the rights of, 444  
and the benefits and services available to, veterans and their 445  
dependents; 446

(O) Advertising, in print, on radio and television, and 447  
otherwise, the rights of, and the benefits and services available 448  
to, veterans and their dependents; 449

(P) Developing and advocating improved benefits and services 450  
for, and improved delivery of benefits and services to, veterans 451  
and their dependents; 452

(Q) Searching for, identifying, and reviewing statutory and 453  
administrative policies that relate to veterans and their 454  
dependents and reporting to the general assembly statutory and 455  
administrative policies that should be consolidated in whole or in 456  
part within the organization of the department of veterans 457  
services to unify funding, delivery, and accounting of statutory 458  
and administrative policy expressions that relate particularly to 459  
veterans and their dependents; 460

(R) Encouraging veterans service commissions to innovate and 461  
otherwise to improve efficiency in delivering benefits and 462  
services to veterans and their dependents and to report successful 463  
innovations and efficiencies to the director of veterans services; 464

(S) Publishing and encouraging adoption of successful 465  
innovations and efficiencies veterans service commissions have 466  
achieved in delivering benefits and services to veterans and their 467  
dependents; 468

(T) Establishing advisory committees, in addition to the 469  
veterans advisory committee established under division (K) of this 470  
section, on veterans issues; 471

(U) Developing and maintaining a relationship with the United 472  
States department of veterans affairs, seeking optimal federal 473  
benefits and services for Ohio veterans and their dependents, and 474  
encouraging veterans service commissions to maximize the federal 475  
benefits and services to which veterans and their dependents are 476  
entitled; 477



(V) Developing and maintaining relationships with the several 478  
veterans organizations, encouraging the organizations in their 479  
efforts at assisting veterans and their dependents, and advocating 480  
for adequate state subsidization of the organizations; 481

(W) Requiring the several veterans organizations that receive 482  
funding from the state annually, not later than the thirtieth day 483  
of July, to report to the director of veterans services and 484  
prescribing the form and content of the report; 485

(X) Reviewing the reports submitted to the director under 486  
division (W) of this section within thirty days of receipt and 487  
informing the veterans organization of any deficiencies that exist 488  
in the organization's report and that funding will not be released 489  
until the deficiencies have been corrected and a satisfactory 490  
report submitted; 491

(Y) Advising the director of budget and management when a 492  
report submitted to the director under division (W) of this 493  
section has been reviewed and determined to be satisfactory; 494

(Z) Furnishing copies of all reports that the director of 495  
veterans services has determined have been submitted 496  
satisfactorily under division (W) of this section to the 497  
chairperson of the finance committees of the general assembly; 498

(AA) Investigating complaints against county veterans 499  
services commissioners and county veterans service officers if the 500  
director reasonably believes the investigation to be appropriate 501  
and necessary; 502

(BB) Developing and maintaining a web site that is accessible 503  
by veterans and their dependents and provides a link to the web 504  
site of each state agency that issues a license, certificate, or 505  
other authorization permitting an individual to engage in an 506  
occupation or occupational activity; 507

(CC) Encouraging state agencies to conduct outreach efforts 508

through which veterans and their dependents can learn about 509  
available job and education benefits; 510

(DD) Informing state agencies about changes in statutes and 511  
rules that affect veterans and their dependents; 512

(EE) Assisting licensing agencies in adopting rules under 513  
section 5903.03 of the Revised Code; 514

(FF) Taking any other actions required by this chapter. 515

**Sec. 5903.01. As used in this chapter:** 516

"Armed forces" means the armed forces of the United States, 517  
including the army, navy, air force, marine corps, coast guard, or 518  
any reserve components of those forces; the national guard of any 519  
state; the commissioned corps of the United States public health 520  
service; the merchant marine service during wartime; such other 521  
service as may be designated by congress; or the Ohio organized 522  
militia when engaged in full-time national guard duty for a period 523  
of more than thirty days. 524

"License" means a license, certificate, permit, or other 525  
authorization issued or conferred by a licensing agency under 526  
which a licensee may engage in a profession, occupation, or 527  
occupational activity. 528

"Licensee" means a person to whom all of the following apply: 529

(A) The person has been issued a license by a licensing 530  
agency. 531

(B) The person has been a member of the armed forces. 532

(C) The person has served on active duty, whether inside or 533  
outside the United States, for a period in excess of thirty-one 534  
days. 535

"Licensing agency" means any state department, division, 536  
board, commission, agency, or other state governmental unit 537

authorized by the Revised Code to issue a license. 538

"Member" means any person who is serving in the armed forces. 539

"Merchant marine" includes the United States army transport 540  
service and the United States naval transport service. 541

"Veteran" means any person who has completed service in the 542  
armed forces, including the national guard of any state, or a 543  
reserve component of the armed forces, who has been discharged 544  
under honorable conditions from the armed forces or who has been 545  
transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service. 546

**Sec. 5903.03.** (A) As used in this section: 547

~~(1) "License" and "licensing agency" have the meanings 548~~  
~~defined in section 5903.12 of the Revised Code.~~ 549

~~(2) "Military, "military program of training" means a 550~~  
~~training program of the armed forces of the United States or a 551~~  
~~reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, 552~~  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any 553~~  
~~other state.~~ 554

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the 555  
contrary, a licensing agency shall consider an applicant for a 556  
license: 557

(1) To have met the educational requirement for that license 558  
if the applicant has completed a military program of training and 559  
has been awarded a military primary specialty at a level that is 560  
substantially equivalent to or exceeds the educational requirement 561  
for that license; and 562

(2) To have met the experience requirement for that license 563  
if the applicant has served in that military primary specialty 564  
under honorable conditions for a period of time that is 565  
substantially equivalent to or exceeds the experience requirement 566  
for that license. 567

(C) Each licensing agency, not later than June 30, 2014, 568  
shall adopt rules under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code regarding 569  
which military programs of training, military primary specialties, 570  
and lengths of service are substantially equivalent to or exceed 571  
the educational and experience requirements for each license that 572  
agency issues. 573

Sec. 5903.04. Each licensing agency shall adopt rules under 574  
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to establish and implement all of 575  
the following: 576

(A) A process to obtain from each applicant documentation and 577  
additional information necessary to determine if the applicant is 578  
a member or veteran, or the spouse or surviving spouse of a member 579  
or veteran; 580

(B) A process to record, track, and monitor applications that 581  
have been received from a member, veteran, or the spouse or 582  
surviving spouse of a member or veteran; and 583

(C) A process to prioritize and expedite certification or 584  
licensing for each applicant who is a member, veteran, or the 585  
spouse or a surviving spouse of a member or veteran. 586

In establishing these processes, the licensing agency shall 587  
include any special accommodations that may be appropriate for 588  
applicants facing imminent deployment. 589

Sec. 5903.05. A licensing agency shall apply for approval to 590  
the state approving agency at the Ohio department of veterans 591  
services as required under 38 U.S.C. 3672(a) to enable an eligible 592  
person or veteran to receive education benefits through the United 593  
States department of veterans affairs. 594

**Sec. 5903.10.** (A) A holder of an expired license or 595  
certificate from this state or any political subdivision or agency 596

of the state to practice a trade or profession shall be granted a 597  
renewal of the license or certificate by the issuing board or 598  
authority at the usual cost without penalty and without 599  
re-examination if not otherwise disqualified because of mental or 600  
physical disability and if either of the following applies: 601

(1) The license or certificate was not renewed because of the 602  
holder's service in the armed forces ~~of the United States or a~~ 603  
~~reserve component of the armed forces of the United States,~~ 604  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any~~ 605  
~~other state.~~ 606

(2) The license or certificate was not renewed because the 607  
holder's spouse served in the armed forces of the United States or 608  
a reserve component of the armed forces ~~of the United States,~~ 609  
~~including the Ohio national guard or the national guard of any~~ 610  
~~other state,~~ and the service resulted in the holder's absence from 611  
this state. 612

(B) A renewal shall not be granted under division (A) of this 613  
section unless the holder or the holder's spouse, whichever is 614  
applicable, has presented satisfactory evidence of the service 615  
member's discharge under honorable conditions or release under 616  
honorable conditions from active duty or national guard duty 617  
within six months after the discharge or release. 618

**Sec. 5903.11.** (A) Any federally funded employment and 619  
training program administered by any state agency including, but 620  
not limited to, the "Workforce Investment Act of 1998," 112 Stat. 621  
936, codified in scattered sections of 29 U.S.C., as amended, 622  
shall include a veteran priority system to provide maximum 623  
employment and training opportunities to veterans and eligible 624  
persons within each targeted group as established by federal law 625  
and state and federal policy in the service area. Disabled 626  
veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, other veterans, and 627

eligible persons shall receive preference over nonveterans within 628  
each targeted group in the provision of employment and training 629  
services available through these programs as required by this 630  
section. 631

(B) Each state agency shall refer qualified applicants to job 632  
openings and training opportunities in programs described in 633  
division (A) of this section in the following order of priority: 634

(1) Special disabled veterans; 635

(2) Veterans of the Vietnam era; 636

(3) Disabled veterans; 637

(4) All other veterans; 638

(5) Other eligible persons; 639

(6) Nonveterans. 640

(C) Each state agency providing employment and training 641  
services to veterans and eligible persons under programs described 642  
in division (A) of this section shall submit an annual written 643  
report to the speaker of the house of representatives and the 644  
president of the senate on the services that it provides to 645  
veterans and eligible persons. Each such agency shall report 646  
separately on all entitlement programs, employment or training 647  
programs, and any other programs that it provides to each class of 648  
persons described in divisions (B)(1) to (6) of this section. Each 649  
such agency shall also report on action taken to ensure compliance 650  
with statutory requirements. Compliance and reporting procedures 651  
shall be in accordance with the reporting procedures then in 652  
effect for all employment and training programs described in 653  
division (A) of this section, with the addition of veterans as a 654  
separate reporting module. 655

(D) All state agencies that administer federally funded 656  
employment and training programs described in division (A) of this 657

section for veterans and eligible persons shall do all of the 658  
following: 659

(1) Ensure that veterans are treated with courtesy and 660  
respect at all state governmental facilities; 661

(2) Give priority in referral to jobs to qualified veterans 662  
and other eligible persons; 663

(3) Give priority in referral to and enrollment in training 664  
programs to qualified veterans and other eligible persons; 665

(4) Give preferential treatment to special disabled veterans 666  
in the provision of all needed state services; 667

(5) Provide information and effective referral assistance to 668  
veterans and other eligible persons regarding needed benefits and 669  
services that may be obtained through other agencies. 670

(E) As used in this section: 671

(1) "Special disabled veteran" means a veteran who is 672  
entitled to, or who but for the receipt of military pay would be 673  
entitled to, compensation under any law administered by the 674  
department of veterans affairs for a disability rated at thirty 675  
per cent or more or a person who was discharged or released from 676  
active duty because of a service-connected disability. 677

(2) "Veteran of the Vietnam era" means an eligible veteran 678  
who served on active duty for a period of more than one hundred 679  
eighty days, any part of which occurred from August 5, 1964, 680  
through May 7, 1975, and was discharged or released therefrom with 681  
other than a dishonorable discharge or a person who was discharged 682  
or released from active duty for a service-connected disability if 683  
any part of the active duty was performed from August 5, 1964, 684  
through May 7, 1975. 685

(3) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who is entitled to, or 686  
who but for the receipt of military retirement pay would be 687

entitled to compensation, under any law administered by the 688  
department of veterans affairs and who is not a special disabled 689  
veteran. 690

(4) "Eligible veteran" means a person who served on active 691  
duty for more than one hundred eighty days and was discharged or 692  
released from active duty with other than a dishonorable discharge 693  
or a person who was discharged or released from active duty 694  
because of a service-connected disability. 695

(5) "Other eligible person" means one of the following: 696

(a) The spouse of any person who died of a service-connected 697  
disability; 698

(b) The spouse of any member of the armed forces serving on 699  
active duty who at the time of the spouse's application for 700  
assistance under any program described in division (A) of this 701  
section is listed pursuant to the "Act of September 6, 1966," 80 702  
Stat. 629, 37 U.S.C.A. 556, and the regulations issued pursuant 703  
thereto, as having been in one or more of the following categories 704  
for a total of ninety or more days: 705

(i) Missing in action; 706

(ii) Captured in line of duty by a hostile force; 707

(iii) Forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a 708  
foreign government or power. 709

(c) The spouse of any person who has a total disability 710  
permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability 711  
or the spouse of a veteran who died while such a disability was in 712  
existence. 713

(6) "Veteran" means ~~either of the following:~~ 714

~~(a) Any person a veteran as defined in section 5903.01 of the~~ 715  
Revised Code who was a member of the armed forces of the United 716  
States for a period of one hundred eighty days or more ~~or~~ or a 717



person who was discharged or released from active duty because of 718  
a service-connected disability; 719

~~(b)~~ A or a person who served as a member of the United States 720  
merchant marine and to whom either of the following applies: 721

~~(i)~~ (a) The person has an honorable report of separation from 722  
active duty military service, form DD214 or DD215-; or 723

~~(ii)~~ (b) The person served in the United States merchant 724  
marine between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, and died 725  
on active duty while serving in a war zone during that period of 726  
service. 727

(7) ~~"Armed forces of the United States" means the army, air 728  
force, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and any other military 729  
service branch that is designated by congress as a part of the 730  
armed forces of the United States.~~ 731

~~(8)~~ "Employment program" means a program which provides 732  
referral of individuals to employer job openings in the federal, 733  
state, or private sector. 734

~~(9)~~ (8) "Training program" means any program that upgrades the 735  
employability of qualified applicants. 736

~~(10)~~ (9) "Entitlement program" means any program that enlists 737  
specific criteria in determining eligibility, including but not 738  
limited to the existence in special segments of the general 739  
population of specific financial needs. 740

~~(11)~~ (10) "Targeted group" means a group of persons designated 741  
by federal law or regulations or by state law to receive special 742  
assistance under an employment and training program described in 743  
division (A) of this section. 744

~~(12) "United States merchant marine" includes the United 745  
States army transport service and the United States naval 746  
transport service.~~ 747

Sec. 5903.12. (A) As used in this section: 748

(1) "Continuing education" means continuing education 749  
required of a licensee by law and includes, but is not limited to, 750  
the continuing education required of licensees under sections 751  
3737.881, 3781.10, 4701.11, 4715.141, 4715.25, 4717.09, 4723.24, 752  
4725.16, 4725.51, 4730.14, 4730.49, 4731.281, 4734.25, 4735.141, 753  
4736.11, 4741.16, 4741.19, 4751.07, 4755.63, 4757.33, 4759.06, 754  
4761.06, and 4763.07 of the Revised Code. 755

~~(2) "License" means a license, certificate, permit, or other 756  
authorization issued or conferred by a licensing agency under 757  
which a licensee may engage in a profession, occupation, or 758  
occupational activity. 759~~

~~(3) "Licensee" means a person to whom all of the following 760  
apply. 761~~

~~(a) The person has been issued a license by a licensing 762  
agency. 763~~

~~(b) The person has been a member of the armed forces of the 764  
United States, the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, 765  
the Ohio naval militia, the national guard of any other state, or 766  
a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States. 767~~

~~(c) The person has served on active duty, whether inside or 768  
outside the United States, for a period in excess of thirty one 769  
days. 770~~

~~(4) "Licensing agency" means any state department, division, 771  
board, commission, agency, or other state governmental unit 772  
authorized by the Revised Code to issue a license. 773~~

~~(5) "Reporting period" means the period of time during which 774  
a licensee must complete the number of hours of continuing 775  
education required of the licensee by law. 776~~

(B) A licensee may submit an application to a licensing 777

agency, stating that the licensee requires an extension of the 778  
current reporting period because the licensee has served on active 779  
duty ~~as described in division (A)(3)(c) of this section~~ during the 780  
current or a prior reporting period. The licensee shall submit 781  
proper documentation certifying the active duty service and the 782  
length of that active duty service. Upon receiving the application 783  
and proper documentation, the licensing agency shall extend the 784  
current reporting period by an amount of time equal to the total 785  
number of months that the licensee spent on active duty during the 786  
current reporting period. For purposes of this division, any 787  
portion of a month served on active duty shall be considered one 788  
full month. 789

**Sec. 5903.121.** A "licensing agency," ~~as defined in section~~ 790  
~~5903.12 of the Revised Code,~~ shall consider relevant education, 791  
training, or service completed by a licensee as a member of the 792  
armed forces ~~of the United States or reserve components thereof,~~ 793  
~~the Ohio national guard, the Ohio military reserve, the Ohio naval~~ 794  
~~militia, or the national guard of any other state~~ in determining 795  
whether a licensee has fulfilled required continuing education. 796

**Sec. 5907.01.** (A) As used in this chapter: 797

(1) "Armed forces of the United States" ~~has the same meaning~~ 798  
~~as in section 5903.11 of the Revised Code~~ means the army, air 799  
force, navy, marine corps, coast guard, and any other military 800  
service branch that is designated by congress as a part of the 801  
armed forces of the United States. 802

(2) "Domiciliary" means a separate area within the Ohio 803  
veterans' home providing domiciliary care. 804

(3) "Domiciliary care" means providing shelter, food, and 805  
necessary medical care on an ambulatory self-care basis to 806  
eligible veterans who do not need the nursing services provided in 807

nursing homes. 808

(4) "Nursing home" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 809  
of the Revised Code. 810

(5) "Veteran" has the same meaning as in section 5901.01 of 811  
the Revised Code. 812

(B) There are hereby established the Ohio veterans' homes 813  
within the department of veterans services. The department shall 814  
maintain and operate state veterans' homes as administered under 815  
the state veterans' home programs defined in Title 38 of the 816  
United States Code. 817

**Sec. 5907.04.** ~~Subject~~ As used in this section, "armed forces 818  
of the United States" means the army, air force, navy, marine 819  
corps, coast guard, and any other military service branch that is 820  
designated by congress as a part of the armed forces of the United 821  
States. 822

Subject to the following paragraph, all veterans, who served 823  
during a period of conflict as determined by the United States 824  
department of veterans affairs or any person who is awarded either 825  
the armed forces expeditionary medal established by presidential 826  
executive order 10977 dated December 4, 1961, or the Vietnam 827  
service medal established by presidential executive order 11231 828  
dated July 8, 1965, who have been honorably discharged or 829  
separated under honorable conditions therefrom, or any discharged 830  
members of the Polish and Czechoslovakian armed forces who served 831  
in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States in World War 832  
II who have been citizens of the United States for at least ten 833  
years, provided that the above-mentioned persons have been 834  
citizens of this state for one year or more at the date of making 835  
application for admission, are disabled by disease, wounds, or 836  
otherwise, and are by reason of such disability incapable of 837  
earning their living, and all members of the Ohio national guard 838

or naval militia who have lost an arm or leg, or their sight, or 839  
become permanently disabled from any cause, while in the line and 840  
discharge of duty, and are not able to support themselves, may be 841  
admitted to a veterans' home under such rules as the director of 842  
veterans services adopts. 843

A veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States 844  
~~as defined in division (E)(7) of section 5903.11 of the Revised~~ 845  
~~Code~~ is eligible for admission to a veterans' home under the 846  
preceding paragraph only if the person has the characteristics 847  
defined in division (B)(1) of section 5901.01 of the Revised Code. 848

Veterans' homes may reserve a bed during the temporary 849  
absence of a resident or patient from the home, including a 850  
nursing home within it, under conditions prescribed by the 851  
director, to include hospitalization for an acute condition, 852  
visits with relatives and friends, and participation in 853  
therapeutic programs outside the home. A home shall not reserve a 854  
bed for more than thirty days, except that absences for more than 855  
thirty days due to hospitalization may be authorized. 856

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4729.12, 4729.13, 4729.15, 857  
4731.36, 4743.04, 5902.02, 5903.03, 5903.10, 5903.11, 5903.12, 858  
5903.121, 5907.01, and 5907.04 of the Revised Code are hereby 859  
repealed. 860

**Section 3.** The Director of Veterans Services shall implement 861  
divisions (BB) to (EE) of section 5902.02 of the Revised Code not 862  
later than December 31, 2014. 863

**Section 4.** A licensing agency that is required to adopt rules 864  
under section 5903.04 of the Revised Code shall adopt initial 865  
rules not later than December 31, 2014. 866

**Section 5.** State agencies that are required to apply for 867

approval to the State Approving Agency at the Ohio Department of 868  
Veterans Services under section 5903.05 of the Revised Code shall 869  
do so initially not later than December 31, 2014. 870

**Section 6.** Section 4731.36 of the Revised Code is presented 871  
in this act as a composite of the section as amended by both Sub. 872  
H.B. 251 and Sub. S.B. 141 of the 129th General Assembly. The 873  
General Assembly, applying the principle stated in division (B) of 874  
section 1.52 of the Revised Code that amendments are to be 875  
harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation, finds 876  
that the composite is the resulting version of the section in 877  
effect prior to the effective date of the section as presented in 878  
this act. 879