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SENATE BILL NO. 1150

Senate Amendments in [] - January 28, 2021

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2002.2, relating to Department of Veterans Services; Military Spouse Liaison; position created.*

Patrons Prior to Engrossment—Senators Kiggans, Boysko, Ebbin, Hashmi, Morrissey, Peake, Reeves and Stanley; Delegates: Avoli, Campbell, R.R., Coyner, Davis, Delaney, Fowler, Guy, Helmer, Kory, McQuinn, Mundon King, Scott, Simonds, Subramanyam, Walker, Wiley and Willett

Referred to Committee on General Laws and Technology

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2002.2 as follows:

§ 2.2-2002.2. Military Spouse Liaison; position created; duties; report.

A. *There is created in the Department of Veterans Services the position of Military Spouse Liaison to conduct outreach and advocate on behalf of military spouses in the Commonwealth.*

B. *The Military Spouse Liaison shall:*

1. *Provide assistance and information to military spouses seeking professional licenses and credentials or other employment in the Commonwealth;*

2. *Coordinate research on issues facing military spouses and create informational materials to assist military spouses and their families;*

3. *Examine barriers and provide recommendations to assist military spouses in accessing high-quality child care and developing resources in coordination with military installations and the Department of [~~Social Services~~ Education] to increase access to high-quality child care for military families;*

4. *Develop, in coordination with the Virginia Employment Commission and employers, a common form for military spouses to complete, highlighting specific skills, education, and training to help military spouses quickly find meaningful employment in relevant economic sectors; and*

5. *Perform any other duties or responsibilities assigned by the Commissioner.*

C. *The Military Spouse Liaison shall submit an annual report, including any legislative recommendations, through the Commissioner to the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year and other reports to the Commissioner as required by the Commissioner.*

[2. That the provisions of this act shall not become effective unless an appropriation effectuating the purposes of this act is included in a general appropriation act passed in 2021 by the General Assembly that becomes law.]

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