

SENATE BILL No. 299

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 10-17-14.

Synopsis: Military women and women veterans program. Establishes the Hoosier military women and women veterans program to provide information and services to Indiana's military women and women veterans.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]:
4 **Chapter 14. Hoosier Military Women and Women Veterans**
5 **Program**
6 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to the**
7 **Hoosier military women and women veterans coordinator**
8 **designated under section 8 of this chapter.**
9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
10 **Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
11 **IC 10-17-1-2.**
12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**
13 **of veterans' affairs.**
14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "military women" means women**
15 **who are serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United**
16 **States.**



1 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Hoosier**
2 **military women and women veterans program established by**
3 **section 7 of this chapter.**

4 **Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "women veterans" means women**
5 **who:**

6 **(1) served in the armed forces of the United States; and**

7 **(2) were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.**

8 **Sec. 7. The Hoosier military women and women veterans**
9 **program is established within the department.**

10 **Sec. 8. The director shall designate a coordinator who is**
11 **responsible for the administration of the program under the**
12 **direction and supervision of the director.**

13 **Sec. 9. The program has the following purposes and duties:**

14 **(1) Perform outreach to improve military women's and**
15 **women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state**
16 **veterans' services and benefits.**

17 **(2) Assess the needs of military women's and women veterans**
18 **with respect to benefits and services.**

19 **(3) Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives**
20 **designed to address or meet the needs of Indiana's military**
21 **women and women veterans.**

22 **(4) Make recommendations to the director to improve benefits**
23 **and services for military women and women veterans.**

24 **(5) Incorporate military women's and women veterans' issues**
25 **in strategic planning concerning benefits and services.**

26 **Sec. 10. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
27 **implement this chapter.**

