

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 22—COMMITTEE  
ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires the establishment and maintenance of a transition assistance program for veterans and servicemen and servicewomen. (BDR 37-283)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the Department of Veterans Services; requiring the Director of the Department to establish and maintain a program to assist veterans and servicemen and servicewomen in transitioning to life as civilians; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to  
2 perform various duties to assist veterans, servicemen and servicewomen and their  
3 dependents. (NRS 417.090) This bill requires the Director to establish and maintain  
4 a program to assist veterans and servicemen and servicewomen in transitioning to  
5 life as civilians. The program is required to provide information and resources  
6 specific to this State concerning higher education, career development, physical and  
7 mental health care and other benefits available to veterans and servicemen and  
8 servicewomen.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:  
3 ***1. The Director shall establish and maintain a program to***  
4 ***assist veterans and servicemen and servicewomen in transitioning***



1 *to life as civilians. The program must be designed to complement*  
2 *any similar programs of the Federal Government including,*  
3 *without limitation, the program established pursuant to 10 U.S.C.*  
4 *§ 1144.*

5 *2. The program established pursuant to this section must*  
6 *provide information and resources specific to this State*  
7 *concerning:*

8 *(a) Programs of higher education and benefits for higher*  
9 *education;*

10 *(b) Employment and vocational training;*

11 *(c) Starting and maintaining a small business;*

12 *(d) Programs and services related to health care;*

13 *(e) Mental health;*

14 *(f) Sexual trauma, including, without limitation, information*  
15 *and resources specific to sexual trauma experienced while on*  
16 *active duty or during military training;*

17 *(g) Housing; and*

18 *(h) Any other benefits available to veterans and servicemen*  
19 *and servicewomen to assist them in transitioning to life as*  
20 *civilians.*

21 *3. As used in this section, “serviceman” or “servicewoman”*  
22 *means a person who is an active member of the:*

23 *(a) Armed Forces of the United States;*

24 *(b) National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed*  
25 *Forces of the United States; or*

26 *(c) Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health*  
27 *Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and*  
28 *Atmospheric Administration of the United States and is serving in*  
29 *the capacity of a commissioned officer in defense of the United*  
30 *States.*

31 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

