

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 482—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR)

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to veterans.  
(BDR 37-1197)

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 veterans affairs; requiring the Department of Veterans Services and the Nevada Veterans Services Commission to prepare certain reports; imposing certain duties on the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs relating to veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and their families; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

- 1 **Section 8** of this bill requires the Director of the Department of Veterans
- 2 Services to prepare a fiscal report regarding the amount and sources of funding
- 3 received by the Department for the provision of programs and services to veterans
- 4 and a comprehensive overview of the Department’s budget. **Section 8** also requires
- 5 the Director to transmit a digital copy of the report to each veteran for whom
- 6 the Department has an electronic mail address and to post the report on the
- 7 Department’s Internet website.
- 8 Existing law creates the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs and requires
- 9 the Council to perform various duties relating to the needs of veterans and
- 10 servicemen and servicewomen and their families in Nevada. (NRS 417.0191,
- 11 417.0195) **Section 9** of this bill imposes additional duties on the Council relating to
- 12 such persons, including: (1) fostering the development and dissemination of
- 13 research and policy for improving outcomes for those persons; (2) developing and
- 14 administering a fellowship program to increase research on improving outcomes for
- 15 those persons; and (3) developing models for outreach to and engagement of
- 16 veterans.
- 17 Under existing law, the Nevada Veterans Services Commission is required to
- 18 advise the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Veterans Services on
- 19 various issues relating to veterans. (NRS 417.150-417.190) **Section 12** requires the



20 Nevada Veterans Services Commission to prepare and submit an annual report to  
21 the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs that summarizes its activities during  
22 the preceding fiscal year. **Section 9** requires the Interagency Council on Veterans  
23 Affairs to include the Commission's annual report in the annual report that the  
24 Interagency Council is required to submit to the Governor and the Legislature.

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

- 1     **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
2     **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
3     **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
4     **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
5     **Sec. 5.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
6     **Sec. 6.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
7     **Sec. 7.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
8     **Sec. 8.** Chapter 417 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
9 thereto a new section to read as follows:  
10     1. *The Director shall, not later than August 1 of each year,*  
11 *prepare a report that provides an analysis of the funding of*  
12 *programs and services for veterans in this State. The report must*  
13 *include, without limitation:*  
14     (a) *The amount and sources of money received by the*  
15 *Department for the provision of programs and services for*  
16 *veterans in this State;*  
17     (b) *A comprehensive overview of the budget of the*  
18 *Department; and*  
19     (c) *The expenditures made from the Gift Account for the*  
20 *Veterans Home in Southern Nevada, the Gift Account for*  
21 *the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada and the Gift Account for*  
22 *Veterans established pursuant to NRS 417.145.*  
23     2. *The Director shall:*  
24     (a) *Transmit a digital copy of the report to each veteran in this*  
25 *State for whom the Department has an electronic mail address of*  
26 *record; and*  
27     (b) *Publish a digital copy of the report on the Internet website*  
28 *maintained by the Department.*  
29     **Sec. 9.** NRS 417.0195 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
30     417.0195 The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs shall:  
31     1. Identify and prioritize the needs of veterans and servicemen  
32 and servicewomen and their families in this State.  
33     2. Study the coordination of the efforts of the Federal  
34 Government, State Government, local governments and private  
35 entities to meet the needs of veterans and servicemen and  
36 servicewomen and their families in this State.



1 3. *Develop and disseminate best practices for improving*  
2 *outcomes for veterans and servicemen and servicewomen and*  
3 *their families through policy recommendations at the state and*  
4 *local governmental levels.*

5 4. *Foster the development and dissemination of research*  
6 *and policy for improving outcomes for veterans and servicemen*  
7 *and servicewomen and their families.*

8 5. *Develop and administer a fellowship program to increase*  
9 *research on improving outcomes for veterans and servicemen and*  
10 *servicewomen and their families, including, without limitation, in*  
11 *the areas of education, employment and wellness. The program*  
12 *must include, without limitation, publication of peer-reviewed*  
13 *materials and an annual conference.*

14 6. *Cultivate leadership opportunities for veterans.*

15 7. *Develop models for outreach to and engagement of*  
16 *veterans.*

17 8. On or before February 15 of each year, submit a report  
18 concerning the activities of the Council during the preceding  
19 calendar year , *including the annual report submitted to the*  
20 *Council by the Nevada Veterans Services Commission pursuant to*  
21 *NRS 417.190*, and any recommendations of the Council to the  
22 Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for  
23 transmittal to:

24 (a) If the Legislature is in session, the standing committees of  
25 the Legislature which have jurisdiction of the subject matter; or

26 (b) If the Legislature is not in session, the Legislative  
27 Commission.

28 **Sec. 10.** (Deleted by amendment.)

29 **Sec. 11.** (Deleted by amendment.)

30 **Sec. 12.** NRS 417.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 417.190 The Nevada Veterans Services Commission shall:

32 1. Advise the Director and Deputy Director.

33 2. *Prepare and submit a report, on or before November 1 of*  
34 *each year, to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. The*  
35 *report must, without limitation:*

36 (a) *Summarize the activities of the Commission during the*  
37 *preceding fiscal year.*

38 (b) Make recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, the  
39 Director and the Deputy Director regarding ~~aid or benefits~~ *issues*  
40 *relating* to veterans.

41 **Sec. 13.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do  
42 not apply to the reporting requirements of section 8 of this act and  
43 NRS 417.190, as amended by section 12 of this act.



1     **Sec. 14.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

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