1 **VETERANS REINTEGRATION TASK FORCE**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Tim M. Cosgrove**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill creates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ‣ creates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force composed of 15 members;

13 ‣ requires the task force to study difficulties encountered by returning service

14 members after deployments and create a statewide action plan for assisting with

15 reintegration into communities;

16 ‣ charges the task force with creating a statewide action plan for collaborating,

17 assisting, and coordinating with reintegration into communities; and

18 ‣ requires that the task force report to the Government Operations and Political

19 Subdivisions Interim Committee.

20 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

21 This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2011-12:

22 ‣ To the Senate, as a one-time appropriation:

23 • from the General Fund $6,000 to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task Force;

24 and

25 ‣ To the House of Representatives, as a one-time appropriation:

26 • from the General Fund $9,000 to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

27 **Other Special Clauses:**

28   This bill is repealed on November 30, 2012.
29   **Uncodified Material Affected:**
30   ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL
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32   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*
33   Section 1. **Veterans Reintegration Task Force -- Creation -- Membership --**
34   **Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff.**
35   (1) There is created the Veterans Reintegration Task Force consisting of the following
36   15 members:
37   (a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
38   one of whom may be from the same political party;
39   (b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
40   House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;
41   (c) the executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or the director's
42   designee;
43   (d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's
44   designee;
45   (e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;
46   (f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's
47   designee;
48   (g) the director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the
49   director's designee;
50   (h) a representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts who is
51   knowledgeable in court services and availability appointed by the Judicial Council;
52   (i) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the Adjutant General;
53   (j) the Employment Services for Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;
54   (k) a representative from the Board of Regents;
55   (l) a representative from the League of Cities and Towns; and
56   (m) any other representatives of agencies or organizations the task force considers
57   necessary to complete its charge.
58   (2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed

59   under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

60   (b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House

61   of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

62   (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a

63   majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

64   (4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall

65   be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3,

66   Expense and Mileage Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions,

67   and Veto Override Sessions.

68   (b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation

69   for their work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for

70   travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division

71   of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

72   (5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support

73   to the task force.

74   Section 2. **Duties -- Interim report.**

75   (1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

76   (a) difficulties encountered by service members returning from deployments, including:

77   (i) regaining employment;

78   (ii) managing finances;

79   (iii) suicide prevention; and

80   (iv) obtaining assistance with deployment related health issues;

81   (b) creation of a statewide action plan to assist returning veterans to make the transition

82   back to civilian life; and

83   (c) coordination of resources across state and local governments to assist veterans and

84   their families.

85   (2) A final report, including any proposed legislation, shall be presented to the

86   Government Operations and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee before November 30,

87   2012.

88   Section 3. **Appropriation.**

89   Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the

90   following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or

91   reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the

92   fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012. These are additions to any

93   amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2012.

94   To Legislature - Senate

95   From General Fund, One-time $6,000

96   Schedule of Programs:

97   Administration $6,000

98   To Legislature - House of Representatives

99   From General Fund, One-time $9,000

100   Schedule of Programs:

101   Administration $9,000

102   Section 4. **Repeal date.**

103   This bill is repealed on November 30, 2012.

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