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Introduced by Representatives Trombley of Grand Isle, Consejo of Sheldon,
Devereux of Mount Holly, Gilbert of Fairfax, Howrigan of
Fairfield, Keenan of St. Albans City, McAllister of Highgate,
Orr of Charlotte, Poirier of Barre City, Spengler of Colchester,
Wheeler of Derby, Wizowaty of Burlington, Wright of
Burlington and Young of St. Albans City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Veterans affairs; returning military personnel

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to have the office of veterans affairs
study the quality of the support and assistance provided to soldiers and their
families during deployment of the soldier and after the soldier's return.

An act relating to a study of support provided to military personnel and their
families

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

1 Sec. 1. OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS; STUDY; SUPPORT AND
2 ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND
3 FAMILIES

4 The office of veterans affairs shall study the type and effectiveness of
5 support and assistance provided or available to Vermont military personnel and
6 their families hile the soldier is deployed and after the soldier returns from
7 deployment. The office of veterans affairs shall study the following:

8 (1) What the impact is when the soldier's military income is
9 substantially less than the soldier's civilian income on the soldier's ability to
10 support his or her family.

11 (2) An analysis of the type, quality, and effectiveness of the response of
12 state agencies to issues of post-traumatic stress, alcoholism, drug abuse,
13 suicide, and other social and psychological damage suffered by returning
14 soldiers.

15 (3) Recommendations for improving and expanding services provided to
16 soldiers and their families, including the following:

17 (A) New programs proposed to provide services and support for
18 soldiers and their families, and improvements to existing programs.

19 (B) Ways to ensure that families of deployed soldiers are aware of
20 and have access to appropriate and adequate support services.

1 (C) Improved training of state employees who work with returning
2 soldiers.

3 (D) Any other approaches to ease the problems for soldiers and their
4 families created by deployment, job interruption, separation, and alienation
5 that can result from military service.