# COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

## MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND DOMESTIC SECURITY

**Senator Altman, Chair**  
**Senator Gibson, Vice Chair**

### MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

### TIME:
10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

### PLACE:
*Mallory Home Committee Room*, 37 Senate Office Building

### MEMBERS:
Senator Altman, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Evers, Sachs, and Stargel

### TAB | BILL NO. and INTRODUCER | BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS | COMMITTEE ACTION
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1 | **SB 1144**  
Simpson  
(Similar CS/H 1193) | Services for Veterans and Their Families; Requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program; providing goals of the program; requiring the designation of implementation teams; providing a list of required services, etc.  
CF 03/19/2015 Favorable  
MS 03/31/2015 Favorable | Yeas 5 Nays 0

Consideration of proposed bill:

2 | **SPB 7076** | Military and Veteran Support; Removing the requirement that an applicant to the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program provide matching funds of a certain amount; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to waive initial professional licensing fees for a veteran who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs to create a pilot program for commercial driver license testing for qualified members of the Florida National Guard by a specified date, etc. | Submitted as Committee Bill  
Yeas 5 Nays 0

### TAB | OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY) | FOR TERM ENDING | COMMITTEE ACTION
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3 | Calhoun, Michael A. (St. Augustine) | Pleasure of Governor | Recommend Confirm  
Yeas 5 Nays 0

#### Senate Confirmation Hearing:
A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.

**Adjutant General of Florida National Guard**

3 | Calhoun, Michael A. (St. Augustine) | Pleasure of Governor | Recommend Confirm  
Yeas 5 Nays 0

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4 | Joint Presentation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Division of Emergency Management on Domestic Security Funding | Presented | Presented
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Other Related Meeting Documents
I. Summary:

SB 1144 establishes the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program within the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide veterans and their families with behavioral health information and referral services. The new program will model the proof-of-concept pilot program conducted in 2014 by the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs and will be delivered through the Florida 211 Network. The bill appropriates $2 million of recurring funds from general revenue for the program and has an effective date of July 1, 2015.

II. Present Situation:

Florida 211

Section 408.918, F.S., establishes the Florida 211 Network, authorizing the planning, development, and implementation of a statewide network to serve as the single point of coordination for information and referral for health and human services.

A 211 network is a telephone-based service offered by nonprofit and public agencies throughout Florida and the United States that provide free, confidential information and referral services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The network helps callers identify and connect with health and human service programs that can meet a variety of needs, including food, housing, employment, health care, crisis counseling and more. In Florida, services are available statewide through any cell phone provider as well as through landlines in all 67 counties by dialing 2-1-1. In order to participate in the Florida 211 Network, a 211 provider must be fully accredited by the National

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2 Id.
Alliance of Information and Referral Services or have received approval to operate, pending accreditation, from its affiliate, the Florida Alliance of Information and Referral Services.\(^3\)

**Veterans and Mental Health**

**Depression and Suicide Among Veterans**

According to a 2008 study, between 5 and 15 percent of veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan returned with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and an additional 2 to 14 percent returned with major depression.\(^4\) PTSD attributed to combat has affected between 2 and 17 percent of all U.S. military veterans since the Vietnam War.\(^5\) In 2012, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) released a report detailing veteran deaths from suicide from 1999 to 2009.\(^6\) Over that ten-year span, veterans comprised approximately 22.2% of all suicides. In 2010, on average, 22 veterans committed suicide per day.\(^7\) In response to these trends, the federal government, through the USDVA, established programs to connect veterans to mental health services.

**Mental Health Services for Veterans**

For the purposes of USDVA health benefits and services, a person who served in the active military service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable is a veteran and may qualify for USDVA health care benefits.\(^8\) Current and former reservists and National Guard members may also qualify for USDVA health care benefits if they were called to active duty by a federal order and completed the full period for which they were called or ordered to active duty.\(^9\)

The USDVA provides specialty inpatient and outpatient mental health services at its medical centers and community-based outpatient clinics, in addition, readjustment counseling services may be available at veteran centers across the nation.\(^10\) The goal is to support recovery and enable veterans who experience mental health problems to live meaningful lives in their communities and to achieve their full potential.

The Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) is a resource for veterans developed by the USDVA to connect veterans and current service members in crisis and their families and friends with information

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\(^3\) Section 408.918(2), F.S.


\(^7\) Id.


\(^9\) Id.

from qualified responders through a confidential, toll-free hotline, online chat, and text messaging service.\textsuperscript{11} The VCL was launched in 2007 and over the course of the program has answered more than 1.6 million calls, engaged in more than 207,700 online chats, responded to more than 32,300 texts, and made more than 45,000 lifesaving rescues.\textsuperscript{12} Over the span of the program the number of repeat callers has steadily increased, either reflecting a change in the type of help individuals are seeking or the expanding role the VCL is playing in the provision of mental health care for veterans.\textsuperscript{13}

**The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay Pilot Project**

In 2014, the Legislature appropriated $150,000 to the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA) to create a pilot project expanding existing Florida 211 services to veterans in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Manatee counties.\textsuperscript{14} In August 2014, the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay (CCTB) expanded services to veterans and to date has served 98 veterans through care coordination.\textsuperscript{15} Veterans in care coordination receive ongoing suicide assessment, continuous safety planning, and support for an extended period of time. The program aims to ensure veterans are not only receiving information on available services, but are also enrolled, accepted, and attending USDVA funded and other community based services. From the inception of the program in November 2014 through March 2015, the CCTB pilot project has handled 477 total calls; of those, 217 calls were referred to care coordination services.\textsuperscript{16}

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates s. 394.9087, F.S. to establish the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program (program) within the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The program must provide to veterans and their families behavioral healthcare referral services and model the proof-of-concept pilot program conducted in 2014 by the CCTB and the FDVA. Behavioral health includes services for both mental health and substance abuse. The bill sets out the goals for the program to include:

- Prevent suicides among veterans;
- Increase the use of services; and
- Increase the level of USDVA funding.

The bill requires the DCF to establish care coordination teams to implement the program and provide information and referral services by expanding the services provided by the Florida 211 Network. The program must also meet the requirements specified in s. 408.913, F.S. The services must include:

- Peer support, crisis intervention and information and referral;
- Treatment coordination, including follow up care;

\textsuperscript{11} Veterans Crisis Line, FAQs, [http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/About/FAQs.aspx](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/About/FAQs.aspx), (last visited March 27, 2015).
\textsuperscript{12} Veterans Crisis Line, About the Veterans Crisis Line, [http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/About/AboutVeteransCrisisLine.aspx](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/About/AboutVeteransCrisisLine.aspx), (last visited March 27, 2015).
\textsuperscript{13} Id.
\textsuperscript{14} Specific appropriation 595 of HB 5001, 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act
\textsuperscript{15} E-mail correspondence with Bruce Grant, Chairman, Statewide Veterans Advisory Council on March 9, 2015. (On file with Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee)
\textsuperscript{16} Id.
• Suicide assessment;
• Promotion of safety and wellness;
• Coordination of resources available to veterans; and
• Needs assessments, including safety planning.

The program must maintain records on the number of requests for services. The bill requires the program to follow up with veterans to see if they have acted on referrals for service and if they have received assistance. The program is required to develop communication strategies to inform veterans and their families of available services.

The bill appropriates $2 million in recurring general revenue funds to the DCF to implement the Veterans’ Care Coordination Program.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2015.

IV. Constitutional Issues:
   A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:
      None.
   B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:
      None.
   C. Trust Funds Restrictions:
      None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:
   A. Tax/Fee Issues:
      None.
   B. Private Sector Impact:
      None.
   C. Government Sector Impact:
      The bill appropriates $2 million in recurring general revenue funds to the Department of Children and Families.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:
    None.
VII. **Related Issues:**
None.

VIII. **Statutes Affected:**
This bill creates the following section 394.9087 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. **Additional Information:**

A. **Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**
   (Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

   None.

B. **Amendments:**

   None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill’s introducer or the Florida Senate.
By Senator Simpson

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to services for veterans and their families; creating s. 394.9087, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to establish the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program; providing goals of the program; requiring the designation of implementation teams; providing a list of required services; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 394.9087, Florida Statutes is created to read:
394.9087 Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program.—
(1) The Department of Children and Families, in cooperation with the Agency for Health Care Administration and pursuant to the requirements of s. 408.913, shall establish the Florida Veterans’ Care Coordination Program in all department service districts to provide veterans and their families in this state with dedicated behavioral healthcare referral services, especially mental health and substance abuse services. The department shall model the program after the proof-of-concept pilot program conducted in 2014 by the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs in Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, and Manatee Counties.

(2) The goals of the program are to:
(a) Prevent suicides by veterans in this state.
additional referrals or advocacies are needed.

(c) Develop communication strategies, such as media promotions, public service announcements, print and Internet stories, or community presentations, to inform veterans and their families about available services.

(d) Document all calls and capture all data to improve outreach to veterans and their families.

Section 2. For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the sum of $2 million in recurring funds is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Children and Families for the purpose of implementing this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.
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31 March 2015

Meeting Date

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☑️ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☑️ Yes ☐ No

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Meeting Date

Services for Veterans and their Families

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March 30, 2015

Honorable Thad Altman
Committee on Military on Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
215 Knott Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chairman Altman,

I appreciate you including my legislation, SB 1144, relating to services for veterans and their families, on the March 31st Committee on Military on Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security agenda. As you are aware, I will be chairing the Committee on Community Affairs at that time. I respectfully request that you allow my Legislative Assistant, Keaton Alexander, to present the bill on my behalf, if necessary.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you or your staff have any questions.

Regards,

Wilton Simpson
State Senator, 18th District

cc: Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director
    Lois Graham, Committee Administrative Assistant
The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

BILL: SPB 7076

INTRODUCER: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee

SUBJECT: Military and Veteran Support

DATE: March 30, 2015

ANALYST STAFF DIRECTOR REFERENCE ACTION
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Submitted as Committee Bill

I. Summary:

SPB 7076 makes various changes to current law related to military and veteran support. In part, the bill:

- Amends Florida’s grant programs for defense-dependent communities to clarify that an existing 30 percent match requirement applies only to the Defense Reinvestment Grant Program;
- Requires the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs to include a section on agricultural farming opportunities for veterans in the Florida Veterans’ Benefits Guide and to make the guide available to military installations in Florida;
- Expands the authorization of local governing bodies to assist honorably discharged veterans who have wartime service, to also include any veteran who has wartime service, regardless of discharge, any veteran who has an honorable discharge, and any veteran who has received a general discharge under honorable conditions;
- Revises the Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s general licensure fee waiver program to allow the waiver to apply to a veteran with a general discharge under honorable conditions; and
- Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and Department of Military Affairs to create a pilot program to provide on-site commercial driver license testing opportunities available to qualified members of the Florida National Guard.

II. Present Situation:

Defense Grant Programs

Section 288.980, F.S., establishes grant programs designed to aid defense-dependent communities throughout the state that are administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc., through the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). Among these programs are the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program (DRG) and the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program (DIG).
The DRG program competitively funds projects proposed by defense-dependent communities to develop and implement strategies to help support the missions of a community’s military installation or diversity the defense-dependent community’s economy. DRG-funded activities can include studies, presentations, analyses, plans, marketing, modeling, and reasonable travel costs. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the Legislature appropriated $850,000 to DEO to fund the DRG program. Twelve DRG projects were approved for fiscal year 2014-2015, totaling $850,000.

The DIG program competitively funds local infrastructure projects deemed to have a positive impact on the military value of installations within the state. Authorized DIG projects include, but are not limited to, those relating to encroachment, transportation and access, utilities, communications, housing, environment, and security. For fiscal year 2014-2015, the Legislature appropriated $1.6 million to DEO to fund the DIG program. Ten DIG projects were approved for fiscal year 2014-2015, totaling $1.6 million.

Section 288.980, F.S., was significantly amended in 2012 to consolidate the seven defense grant programs that existed at that time into three comprehensive programs: the DIG, the DRG, and the Military Base Protection programs. The 2012 revision expressly requires both DRG and DIG applicants to agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded. However, this requirement conflicts with the current and historical DIG provision that allows the DEO to require a match for certain projects. This permissive match provision for the DIG program was present in the statute prior to the 2012 revision and matches have not been a requirement for past DIG projects. In administering the two programs, DEO and Enterprise Florida, Inc., require the 30 percent match for DRG projects only. According to Enterprise Florida, Inc., the 30 percent match requirement is appropriate for the DRG program, not the DIG program. It appears that the imposition of the mandatory match requirement for both programs may have been an oversight during the 2012 revision of s. 288.980, F.S.

Military Discharges

Florida law defines a “veteran” as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under honorable conditions only or who later received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) on individuals discharged or released with other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized, or during certain periods of wartime service.

Federal law defines a “veteran” as a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.”

1 Ch. 2012-98, Laws of Fla.
2 s. 1.01(14), F.S.
3 38 U.S.C. § 101(2); 38 C.F.R. § 3.1(d).
Types of Discharges

There are five types of discharges issued by the military services:

- **Honorable Discharge**: The servicemember met the conduct and performance standards of the military and is eligible for most veteran benefits including VA education benefits (*i.e.*, GI Bill), military health benefits, military retirement, and military travel benefits.

- **General Discharge under Honorable Conditions**: The servicemember’s service has been honest, faithful and satisfactory. However, this characterization of service is warranted when significant negative aspects of the member’s conduct or performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the member’s military conduct or performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the record. This discharge means a member is eligible for most veteran benefits but NOT for VA education benefits.

- **Other than Honorable Discharge**: This discharge is warranted when the reason for separation is based upon a pattern of behavior that constitutes a significant departure from the conduct expected of servicemembers. Examples include abuse of authority, serious misconduct that endangers other members of the military, and use of deliberate force to seriously hurt another person. Generally, a servicemember that has this discharge is ineligible for all VA benefits.

- **Bad Conduct Discharge**: A punitive discharge that’s imposed by court-martial (criminal trial conducted by the military). A servicemember is not entitled to any VA benefits.

- **Dishonorable Discharge**: Provided when a serious crime has been committed such as desertion, rape, or murder. This discharge is only given if a servicemember is convicted at a general court-martial and the servicemember is not entitled to any VA benefits.

Generally, in order to receive federal VA benefits, the veteran’s character of discharge or service must be under other than dishonorable conditions (*e.g.*, honorable, under honorable conditions, general). However, individuals receiving undesirable, bad conduct, and other types of dishonorable discharges may qualify for VA benefits depending on a determination made by VA.

A discharge characterized by the military as under honorable conditions is binding on the VA and allows for the VA to provide benefits if other eligibility requirements are met. If a discharge was not characterized as under honorable conditions, benefits are not payable unless the VA determines the discharge was “under conditions other than dishonorable. Under federal law, certain situations resulting in a discharge under less than honorable conditions constitute a legal bar to the payment of benefits.

A release or discharge for any of the following reasons constitutes a statutory bar to benefits, unless it is determined that the servicemember was insane at the time he/she committed the offense that resulted in the discharge:

- Sentence of a general court-martial;
- Being a conscientious objector;

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• Desertion;
• Resignation by an officer for the good of the service;
• Absence without official leave (AWOL) for a continuous period of 180 days or more, without compelling circumstances to warrant such prolonged unauthorized absence (as determined by VA); or
• Requesting release from service as an alien during a period of hostilities.

Local Governing Bodies Authorized to Assist War Veterans

Current law authorizes the board of county commissioners of each county and the governing body of each city, to aid and assist veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in presenting claims for, and securing, the following benefits and privileges:
• Compensation;
• Hospitalization;
• Education;
• Loans;
• Career training, and
• Other state or federal benefits or privileges to which they may become entitled.\(^8\)

The law applies to honorably discharged veterans who have wartime service and their dependents.

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation License Fee Waiver

The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) was established in 1993 with the merger of the Department of Business Regulation and the Department of Professional Regulation.\(^9\) DBPR is responsible for licensing and regulating various businesses and professionals in the state, including but not limited to, cosmetologists, veterinarians, real estate agents and pari-mutuel wagering facilities.\(^10\) Section 455.213, F.S., provides the general provisions for issuance of professional licensure by the DBPR. The current statute waives the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee and initial unlicensed activity fee for honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses within 60 months prior to applying for licensure.

Agricultural Careers for Veterans

Periodically, Congress establishes agricultural and food policy in a multi-year, omnibus farm bill. The Federal Agricultural Act of 2014\(^11\) (Farm Bill), provides opportunities to veterans to pursue agricultural farming jobs. Among other things, the Farm Bill creates a definition for “veteran farmer or rancher” to mean a farmer or rancher who has served in the Armed Forces and who has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10

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\(^8\) s. 292.10, F.S
\(^9\) Chapter 93-220, L.O.F.
\(^11\) Pub. L. No. 113-79, H.R. 2642, 113th Cong
years. The veteran farmer or rancher classification allows veterans to receive additional assistance for agricultural programs, including the following:

- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Transition Incentive Program**: This program allows retiring farmers with land in the CRP to receive additional payments for leasing or selling the land to a beginning farmer or rancher, a socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher, or a veteran farmer or rancher. The purpose is to make land available to new farmers while ensuring that land coming out of the CRP is farmed or grazed in a sustainable manner.

- **Conservation Programming Preference for Veteran Farmers**: The USDA is required to set aside a portion of funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and a portion of the acres available for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The amount is five percent for beginning farmers and ranchers and five percent for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Under the Farm Bill, a preference must be given to veteran farmers and ranchers that fall within one of the set-aside categories.

- **Value-Added Development Grants**: Under this program, private farmers may directly receive grants for their business to assist them in developing business plans and strategies to market value-added products. The USDA must also give a priority to veteran farmers and ranchers.

There are also numerous outreach and advocacy programs under the Farm Bill, including the following:

- **Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants**: This program administers grants to organizations that provide training, education, outreach, and technical assistance to beginner farmers and ranchers. Under the Farm Bill, assistance for veteran farmers is a priority and five percent of funding is set aside for programs serving veterans.

- **Outreach and Assistance Program for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers**: This program allows the USDA to provide additional technical assistance to veterans focused on enabling farm ownership and operation as well as outreach to encourage participation in the USDA programs.

## Commercial Drivers’ Licenses

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), established within the U.S. Department of Transportation, is the federal agency responsible for establishing minimum federal standards that states must meet regarding the issuance of commercial driver licenses (CDL). Administration of the actual CDL program and issuance of the license itself is the exclusive function of the states. To obtain a CDL in Florida an applicant must pass certain knowledge, endorsement, and skills tests depending on the type of CDL sought.

In 2011, the FMCSA formalized a provision that gives states the authority to substitute two years of commercial motor vehicle safe driving experience in the military for the skills test required upon application for a CDL. In Florida, the CDL skills test waiver is available to military servicemembers (including National Guard members and reservists) and those who are within 90

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13 Farmer Veteran Coalition, available at http://www.farmvetco.org/archives/2872,
14 Id.
days of separation from the military. To qualify for the military skills test waiver, the applicant must:

- Pass all required written knowledge exams and endorsements required for the class of CDL sought;
- Certify that for at least 2 years immediately proceeding the application, the applicant operated a motor vehicle representative of the class of CDL sought; and
- Present the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Certification for Waiver of Skill Test for Military Personnel form, filled out in its entirety, and signed by the applicant’s commanding officer or designee.

The skills test waiver process must be completed, and the CDL issued, within 120 days of separation from the military.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 amends s. 288.980, F.S., to remove the 30 percent match requirement for grants awarded under the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program. The bill clarifies that the 30 percent match requirement applies only to the Defense Reinvestment Grant Program.

Section 2 amends s. 292.10, F.S., to expand the authorization of local governing bodies to assist honorably discharged veterans who have wartime service, to additionally include any veteran who has wartime service, regardless of discharge, any veteran who has an honorable discharge, and any veteran who received a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Section 3 amends s. 455.213, F.S., to revise the DBPR general licensing fee waiver requirement for an honorably discharged veteran, to also require that the waiver to apply to a veteran with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Section 4 requires the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs (FDVA), through the direct-support organization established under s. 292.055, F.S., (The Florida Veterans Foundation), and in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, to include a section in the FDVA Florida Veterans’ Benefit Guide (Benefits Guide) on agricultural farming opportunities in the state for veterans. The Benefits Guide must include information on federal, state, and local agricultural farming programs, incentives, assistance, and grants available to veterans.

Additionally, the FDVA must make the Benefits Guide available at all military installations in Florida and provide a concise description of the Benefits Guide’s agricultural farming section on the FDVA website including a link to the new section.

Section 5 requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs to create a pilot program by June 30, 2016, to make commercial driving license testing opportunities available to qualified members of the Florida National Guard. The testing

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16 Rule 15A-7.018, F.A.C., Military Qualifications for Waiver of Commercial Driver License Skills Test.
must be held at a Florida National Guard Armory, an Armed Forces Reserve Center, or Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. The pilot program must be accomplished using existing funds appropriated to each department.

Section 6 provides an effective date of July 1, 2015.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Section 2: A broader group of veterans and their families may be eligible for assistance provided by local governing bodies under the bill.

Section 3: Expanding eligibility for the DBPR general licensing fee waiver may encourage additional applicants to participate in the fee waiver program.

Section 4: Providing information on veteran-specific farming opportunities in the Florida Veterans’ Benefits Guide may encourage veterans to seek career opportunities in the agricultural farming industry.

Section 5: A successful pilot program providing commercial driver license testing opportunities for members of the Florida National Guard may lead to recruiting and training of new commercial motor vehicle drivers.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Section 3: In administering the licensure fee waiver program for honorably discharged veterans, it is the DBPR’s current practice to allow veterans with a general discharge under honorable conditions to participate. However, the extent to which veterans with a discharge under this category know about DBPR’s current practice is unknown. Section 3 merely codifies DBPR’s current practice, and therefore, has no fiscal impact.
Section 4: The Florida Veterans’ Benefit Guide (Benefits Guide) is a yearly publication printed by the Florida Veterans Foundation (Foundation), the FDVA’s direct-support organization. The cost to print and distribute the Benefits Guide is paid through donations collected by the Foundation. Section 4 requires that the Benefits Guide contain information on agricultural farming opportunities for veterans. This information will be incorporated into a currently existing Benefits Guide. The Foundation will incur an expense should it decide to print updated Benefits Guides that include the new section on agricultural farming opportunities for veterans.

The requirement for the FDVA to make the Benefits Guide available to all military installations in Florida can be accomplished with minimal expense via e-mail.

Section 5: The bill requires the Department of Highway Safety Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to partner with the Department of Military Affairs to jointly create a pilot program to provide on-site commercial driver license testing opportunities to Florida National Guard members. The pilot program may be incorporated into the DHSMV’s existing ‘Florida Licensing on Wheels’ (FLOW) program for a minimal fiscal impact. The FLOW program provides a convenient method to renew a driver license, obtain a replacement driver license, change a name or address on a driver license, etc. DHSMV has five FLOW mobiles that provide services out a large bus and six mini-FLOWs that can be set up at tables at smaller venues and indoor events.\(^{18}\)

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 288.980, 292.10, and 455.213.

This bill creates two undesignated sections of Florida law.

IX. Additional Information:

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

\(^{18}\) DHSMV Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) program. Available at: [http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/FLOW.htm](http://www.flhsmv.gov/offices/FLOW.htm).
B. Amendments:

None.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill’s introducer or the Florida Senate.
FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to military and veteran support;
amending s. 288.980, F.S.; removing the requirement
that an applicant to the Defense Infrastructure Grant
Program provide matching funds of a certain amount;
amending s. 292.10, F.S.; revising the categories of
veterans eligible to receive assistance from local
governing bodies; amending s. 455.213, F.S.; requiring
the Department of Business and Professional Regulation
to waive initial professional licensing fees for a
veteran who has received a general discharge under
honorable conditions; requiring the Department of
Veterans’ Affairs to create, in consultation with the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, a
section in the Florida Veterans’ Benefits Guide on
agricultural farming opportunities for veterans;
prescribing requirements; requiring the Department of
Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department
of Military Affairs to create a pilot program for
commercial driver license testing for qualified
members of the Florida National Guard by a specified
date; requiring that such testing be conducted at
certain locations; providing for funding; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection
(4) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) and subsection 28
(4) of section 288.980, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall:

1. Develop plans for the reuse of closed or realigned military installations, including any plans necessary for infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and related marketing activities.

2. Applications for grants under this subsection must include a coordinated program of work or plan of action delineating how the eligible project will be administered and accomplished, which must include a plan for ensuring close cooperation between civilian and military authorities in the conduct of the funded activities and a plan for public involvement. An applicant must agree to match at least 30 percent of any grant awarded.

Section 2. Section 292.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

292.10 Local governing bodies authorized to assist war veterans; powers.—The board of county commissioners of each county and the governing body of each city in the state are hereby granted full and complete power and authority to aid and assist wherever practical and feasible the veterans, male and female, who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States in any war, and received an honorable discharge, or received a general discharge under honorable conditions from any branch of the military service of the United States, and their dependents, in presenting claims for and securing such compensation, hospitalization, education, loans, career training, and other benefits or privileges to which said veterans, or any of them, are or may become entitled under any federal or state law or regulation by reason of their service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Section 3. Subsection (12) of section 455.213, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(12) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran or his or her spouse at the time of discharge, if he or she applies to the department for a license, in a format prescribed by the department, within 60 months after the veteran is discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. To qualify for this waiver, the veteran must have been honorably discharged or received a general discharge under honorable conditions.

Section 4. Agricultural farming opportunities for veterans.—

(a) Federal, state, and local agricultural farming programs, incentives, assistance, and grants that are available to veterans.

(b) Federal and state agricultural farming outreach and advocacy programs that are available to veterans.

(2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall:

CODING: Words underlined are additions; words deleted are deletions.
(a) Make the guides available to all military installations in this state.

(b) Provide a concise description of the contents of the section and a link to the section on its website.

Section 5. No later than June 30, 2016, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs shall jointly create a pilot program to provide opportunities for commercial driver license testing to qualified members of the Florida National Guard through the commercial driver license skills test waiver available under s. 322.12, Florida Statutes. Testing held pursuant to the pilot program must be conducted at a Florida National Guard armory, an Armed Forces Reserve Center, or the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. The pilot program must be administered using existing funds appropriated to each department.

Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.
3/31/15

Meeting Date

Topic: Military and Veteran Support

Name: Col. Mike Prendergast

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Speaking: ☑️ For ☐ Against ☐ Information

Waive Speaking: ☑️ In Support ☐ Against

Representing: The Florida Dept. of Veterans' Affairs

Appearing at request of Chair: ☑️ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☑️ Yes ☐ No

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This form is part of the public record for this meeting.
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Elections

I, Ken Detzner, Secretary of State,
do hereby certify that

* Michael A. Calhoun

is duly appointed

Adjutant General of the State of Florida

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Ninth day of March, A.D., 2015,
to serve at the pleasure of the Governor
and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate
during the next regular session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Twenty-ninth day of March, A.D., 2015.

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

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The original document has a reflective line mark in paper. Hold at an angle to view when checking.
February 24, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 250.10, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Michael A. Calhoun
6907 Strawberry Lakes Circle
Lake Worth, Florida 33463

as Adjutant General of Florida, succeeding Maj. Gen. Emmett Titshaw, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective March 29, 2015, for a term ending at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor

RS/vh
OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. II. § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of ST J O H N S

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF FLORIDA

>Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words “so help me God.” See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19TH day of MARCH, 2015

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known [X] OR Produced Identification [ ]

Type of Identification Produced

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: [ ] Home [X] Office

DMA

PO Box 1008

Street or Post Office Box

ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32085-1008

City, State, Zip Code

Print name as you desire commission issued

Signature

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IN THE FLORIDA SENATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

IN RE: Executive Appointment of
Michael A. Calhoun
Adjutant General of Florida National Guard

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Major General Michael A. Calhoun

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security of the Florida Senate will conduct a hearing on your executive appointment on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in the Mallory Home Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building, commencing at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to Rule 12.7(1) of the Rules of the Florida Senate.

Please be present at the time of the hearing.
DATED this the 25th day of March, 2015

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

[Signature]
Senator Thad Altman
As Chair and by authority of the committee

cc: Members, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
Office of the Sergeant at Arms
The Florida Senate
APPEARANCE RECORD

Meeting Date 3/11/2015

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Confirmation

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing DMA

Appearing at request of Chair: ☑️ Yes ☐️ No

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The Florida Senate

Committee Witness Oath

Chair:

Please raise your right hand and be sworn in as a witness.

Do you swear or affirm that the evidence you are about to give will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Witness’s Name: Michael A. Calhoun

Answer: I do

Pursuant to §90.605(1), Florida Statutes: “The witness’s answer shall be noted in the record.”

Committee Name: Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security

Date: March 31, 2015

File 1 copy with the Secretary of the Senate
Florida’s Domestic Security Program

Jennifer Pritt
Assistant Commissioner

Bryan W. Koon
Director

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Florida Division of Emergency Management
Florida’s Domestic Security Authority

Florida Statute 943.03 (14)

Mandates responsibility for coordinating responses to acts of terrorism and other matters related to the domestic security of Florida to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, but recognizes the importance of many public and private multi-disciplinary partners in accomplishing the domestic security mission.
Regional Domestic Security Task Force

State Working Group

Domestic Security Oversight Council
Typical RDSTF Structure

REGIONAL DOMESTIC SECURITY TASK FORCE
Co-chairs - FDLE Regional SAC & 1 Sheriff/Chief of Police from Region

- Campus Security
  - Training
  - Equipment
  - Policy/Legislation

- Fire Rescue
  - Training
  - Equipment
  - Operations

- Health/Medical
  - Training
  - Prevention
  - Awareness

- Communications
  - Interoperability

- Law Enforcement
  - Training, Equipment
  - Intelligence
  - Investigations

- Critical Infrastructure
  - Vulnerability
  - Assessments/target hardening

- Public Information
  - Business/Corporate partnership

- Emergency Management
  - Community
  - Preparedness
  - Planning & Exercises
State Working Group on Domestic Preparedness

Critical Infrastructure Protection
Interoperable Communications
Planning & Operations
Training & Exercise
Equipment & Logistics
Campus Security

State Working Group Executive Board
Florida’s Funding Process

Discipline and Regional Input
- Capability Review
- Local Project Development and State Working Group Review
- Prioritized by Peer Review Panel and Regional Voting Delegates
- Recommendations presented and approved by DSOC
- Legislative Budget Authority

State Oversight and Coordination

Planning

Funding
- Federal Funding Source
- State Administrative Agency
- Local Agencies 80%
- State Agencies 20%
## Summary of Department of Homeland Security Funding Requested by Florida

**Fiscal Year 2015**

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<td>Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)</td>
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<td>Operation Stonegarden</td>
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<td>Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)</td>
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<td>Emergency Management</td>
<td><strong>RDSTF PLANNERS (Emergency Management):</strong> Sustainment of RDSTF Planners will assist in strengthening regional collaboration and information sharing by providing planning expertise to all disciplines and by functioning as critical link between the Regional Domestic Security Task Force and the State. (6 positions)</td>
<td>$420,000.00</td>
<td>$420,000.00</td>
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<td>Agriculture</td>
<td><strong>Agriculture Planner:</strong> The planner coordinates and facilitates the SART Project, providing training opportunities to the response community, and participate in all state emergencies or exercises under the direction of ESF 17. (1 position)</td>
<td>$60,000.00</td>
<td>$480,000.00</td>
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<td>LE Prevention</td>
<td><strong>Meta Data Planners:</strong> Metadata Planners coordinate with law enforcement agencies and information technology staff operating the data sharing systems to identify, classify, extract, transmit, and load data between systems. They coordinate application administration, training and end user support for all participating agencies within their regions. (6 positions)</td>
<td>$352,850.00</td>
<td>$832,850.00</td>
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<td>LE Prevention</td>
<td><strong>Fusion Center Analysts:</strong> Continues funding for regional analytical positions for a forward node of the Florida Fusion Center. These personnel are essential to successfully executing the Critical Operational Capabilities - Receive, Analyze, Disseminate, and Gather as well as the Enabling Capabilities of Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Protections, Sustainment Strategy, Communications and Outreach, and Security. (8 positions)</td>
<td>$440,000.00</td>
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<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td><strong>USAR HazMat Teams Sustainment</strong>: This project funds the sustainment of specifically identified items from the equipment caches of Regional Hazardous Materials Response teams and Urban Search &amp; Rescue. Funding provides the capability to maintain, repair and/or service specific high end technological equipment purchase with Federal grant funds.</td>
<td>$537,677.00</td>
<td>$1,810,527.00</td>
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<td><strong>USAR HazMat Critical Needs</strong>: This project funds the build out of specifically identified items from the equipment caches of Regional Hazardous Materials Response teams and Urban Search &amp; Rescue</td>
<td>$428,560.00</td>
<td>$2,239,087.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Prevention</td>
<td><strong>Enhancement of Florida's Fusion Centers</strong>: Provides continued support of the established regional fusion centers as well as the Florida Fusion Center to ensure continued collaboration within all disciplines of Florida's domestic security structure. It enhances the dissemination of threat information and information sharing among the state's partners.</td>
<td>$639,427.00</td>
<td>$2,878,541.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Response</td>
<td><strong>Sustainment and Maintenance</strong>: This project seeks funds to increase current capabilities to provide for expanded levels of service to the regions and higher levels of protection for regional law enforcement team personnel.</td>
<td>$473,742.00</td>
<td>$3,352,256.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Prevention</td>
<td><strong>Data-Sharing Projects</strong>: Offers continued support to State and local law enforcement working together to implement an information system to share data between regional systems under the Florida Law Enforcement Exchange (FLEX) and the Regional Law Enforcement Exchange (RLEX) projects.</td>
<td>$2,203,480.00</td>
<td>$5,555,736.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Response</td>
<td><strong>Specialty Team Critical Needs</strong>: This projects provides equipment to law enforcement response teams to respond in an immediate, effective, and coordinate manner.</td>
<td>$454,812.00</td>
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<td>Agriculture</td>
<td><strong>State Agricultural Response Team (SART) Support:</strong> Florida SART supports county, regional and state emergency management efforts with coordinated incident response for animal &amp; agricultural emergencies.</td>
<td>$225,935.00</td>
<td>$6,236,483.00</td>
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<td>Emergency Management</td>
<td><strong>Local Planning, Training &amp; Exercise and Capability Enhancement:</strong> Allows all seven regions to execute multi-disciplinary planning, training and exercises initiatives that will test the knowledge, skills and abilities of personnel, organizations, teams and the public/private partnerships.</td>
<td>$839,240.00</td>
<td>$7,075,723.00</td>
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<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td><strong>Mutual Aid Radio Cache (MARC) Sustainment:</strong> This project provides for the sustainment through maintenance of the communication equipment. The MARC teams provide immediate response assets to assist in the dispatch &amp; safe arrival of initial fire suppression resources.</td>
<td>$125,798.00</td>
<td>$7,201,521.00</td>
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<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td><strong>USAR HazMat Training and Exercise:</strong> Provides mission specific operations training to Urban Search &amp; Rescue Task Forces and WMD Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams. Additionally, exercises will be conducted in support of the teams and task force training to test and evaluate response proficiency and readiness.</td>
<td>$822,890.00</td>
<td>$8,024,411.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Response</td>
<td><strong>Law Enforcement Enhancements:</strong> The project provides equipment to enhance current capabilities for the SWAWT, EOD, WRT, FRT, and aviation teams.</td>
<td>$411,865.00</td>
<td>$8,436,276.00</td>
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<td>Interoperable Communications</td>
<td><strong>EDICS/EDWARDS Upgrades:</strong> This project fund an upgrade to the State EDICS/EDWARDS units to a functional status with current technologies. There are nine units located within the State.</td>
<td>$282,402.00</td>
<td>$8,718,678.00</td>
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<td>Fire Rescue</td>
<td><strong>HazMat and MARC Training:</strong> Provides mission specific operations training for Hazardous Materials Response Teams and MARC teams. Training is specific for the specialized Type I CBRNE teams. Additionally, exercises will be conducted in support of the teams and task force training to test and evaluate response proficiency and readiness.</td>
<td>$376,130.00</td>
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<td>Law Enforcement Response</td>
<td><strong>Special Team Training &amp; Exercise:</strong> This project provides training and exercise for special teams. Continued training for teams is essential to respond in an immediate, effective, and coordinate manner. Additionally, exercises will be conducted in support of the teams and task force training to test and evaluate response proficiency and readiness.</td>
<td>$356,500.00</td>
<td>$9,451,308.00</td>
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<td>Critical Infrastructure</td>
<td><strong>Government Sector – Public Safety Assets:</strong> This project supports target hardening efforts for Jacksonville’s Sheriff’s Office Marine Unit Waterborne Operation Facility; the Clay County EOC; Volusia County Sites including Deland Airport Aviation Hanger, Volusia County Marine Storage Facility, and Volusia Courthouse; and Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Headquarters Complex.</td>
<td>$764,862.00</td>
<td>$10,216,170.00</td>
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<td>Campus Security</td>
<td><strong>Mass Notification:</strong> This project seeks to correct identified vulnerabilities in the areas of K – 20 Mass Communication/notification Systems for campuses at Florida's public K-12 schools and institutions of Higher Education.</td>
<td>$318,577.00</td>
<td>$10,534,747.00</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td><strong>Enhancement to State’s Radiological Nuclear Detection Capability:</strong> This project provides equipment used to screen for, search for, detect and locate radioactive material, as well as, equipment to identify the type (isotope) of material, which is key to determining if the material is a threat material that could be used in a weapon of mass destruction/disruption or a non-threat medical source.</td>
<td>$436,000.00</td>
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<td>Interoperable Communications</td>
<td><strong>Region 4, P25 700 MHz Over-Lay System:</strong> This project provides Region 4, Tampa Bay, with P25 700 MHz Mutual Aid Overlay equipment for first responders.</td>
<td>$310,016.00</td>
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<td>Critical Infrastructure</td>
<td><strong>Target Hardening for Educational Facilities:</strong> This project provides funding for target hardening efforts for Bay, Wakulla, and Jefferson County school districts along with a generator for the FAMU Police Department.</td>
<td>$299,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Special Event and Domestic Incident Management:</strong> This project supports long-term vulnerability reduction at Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa and the purchase of a Skywatch Tower in Region 6.</td>
<td>$391,746.00</td>
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<td>Critical Infrastructure</td>
<td><strong>Cyber Security Training – Lifeline Critical Infrastructure Assets:</strong> Provides training to information security personnel at state and local government lifeline sector critical infrastructure sites.</td>
<td>$291,490.00</td>
<td>$12,262,999.00</td>
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<td>Interoperable Communications</td>
<td><strong>Multi-Band Radios for Santa Rosa County:</strong> This project provides Santa Rosa County with 700 MHz Mutual Aid Overlay equipment for first responders, including state, local, tribal, and federal public safety agencies in Santa Rosa County, FL.</td>
<td>$310,016.00</td>
<td>$12,573,015.00</td>
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<td><strong>FEMORS Training:</strong> This project provides funding to support the development of four courses in fatality management to be utilized as awareness level training for law enforcement, fire, and medical personnel throughout Florida.</td>
<td>$75,000.00</td>
<td>$12,648,380.00</td>
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<td><strong>Tourniquet Training:</strong> This project will train law enforcement officers when tourniquet use is appropriate and how to safely and easily administer a tourniquet when warranted.</td>
<td>$15,365.00</td>
<td>$12,663,445.00</td>
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<td><strong>Ambu-Bus Kits:</strong> This project supports the purchase of seven ambu-bus kits for one region to assist in moving non-ambulatory patients in an incident.</td>
<td>$260,365.00</td>
<td>$12,923,745.00</td>
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(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

Meeting Date

Topic: Domestic Security Funding

Name: Jennifer C. Pritt

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Representing: FDLE

Appearing at request of Chair: [X] Yes [ ] No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: [ ] Yes [ ] No

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☑ Yes ☐ No

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Meeting called to order by Chair Altman
Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham
Quorum present
Chair Altman ask that all be electronic devices be silence and anyone wishing to speak, complete an appearance card
Tab 1 - SB 1144 - Services for Veterans and Their Families by Senator Simpson
Ms. Keaton Alexander, Legislative Assistant to Senator Simpson presents the bill
Chair Altman ask for questions on the bill
Chair Altman ask for speaker cards
Mr. Travis Mitchell, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay waives in support
Ms. Jill Gran, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association waives in support
Col. Mike Prendergast, Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs waives in support
Chair Altman ask for debate on the bill
Chair Altman ask Ms. Alexander to close on the bill
Ms. Alexander waives closing
Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham
SB 1144 is reported favorably
Tab 2 - SPB 7076 - Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security relating to Military and Veteran Support
Chair Altman ask Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director to explain the bill
Explanation of SPB 7076 by Elizabeth Ryon
Chair Altman gives statement regarding the bill
Chair Altman ask for speaker cards
Col. Mike Prendergast waives in support
Chair Altman ask for debate on the bill
Senator Stargel moves that SPB 7076 be submitted as a Committee Bill. Senator Evers seconds
Seeing no objection, Chair Altman ask Lois to call the roll for SPB 7076
Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham
SPB 7076 is reported favorably as a Committee Bill
Tab 3 - Appointment of the Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard
Chair Altman ask Major General Michael A. Calhoun to come forward to be sworn in
Chair Altman states you are recognized to address the committee
Major General Calhoun addresses the committee
Chair Altman ask if there were questions for Major General Calhoun
Question from Chair Altman
Response from Major General Calhoun
Chair Altman ask if there were additional questions for Major General Calhoun
Chair Altman makes statement regarding Major General Calhoun Senator Gibson makes regarding Major General Calhoun
10:15:29 AM Senator Gibson moves to recommend confirmation of Michael A. Calhoun as Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard
10:15:45 AM Senator Evers second the motion
10:15:53 AM Chair Altman ask Lois to call roll
10:16:04 AM Roll call by Administrative Assistant, Lois Graham
10:16:07 AM Confirmation of Major General Michael A. Calhoun is recommended favorably
10:16:28 AM Senator Sachs makes statement to the committee regarding Major General Calhoun
10:17:05 AM Tab 4 - Joint Presentation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Division of Emergency Management on Domestic Security Funding
10:17:50 AM Speaker Ms. Jennifer Pritt, Assistant Commissioner, Florida Department of Law Enforcement
10:23:09 AM Question from Chair Altman
10:23:14 AM Questions from Senator Sachs
10:24:40 AM Chair Altman ask that additional questions be held until Mr. Koon's presentation
10:25:06 AM Question from Senator Sachs
10:25:53 AM Comments from Senator Evers
10:26:16 AM Senator Sachs ask another question
10:26:48 AM Introduction of Mr. Bryan Koon
10:27:01 AM Speaker Mr. Bryan W. Koon, Director, Division of Emergency Management
10:28:19 AM Mr. Koon's answers Senator Sachs questions
10:30:37 AM Continued presentation by Mr. Bryan Koon
10:35:08 AM Question from Chair Altman
10:35:19 AM Response from Mr. Koon
10:36:04 AM Additional questions from Chair Altman
10:36:11 AM Question from Senator Sachs
10:36:33 AM Response from Mr. Koon
10:37:11 AM Additional question from Senator Sachs
10:37:24 AM Response from Mr. Koon
10:38:26 AM Question from Senator Gibson
10:38:42 AM Mr. Koon's answers Senators Sachs and Gibson questions
10:40:21 AM Additional question from Senator Sachs
10:40:33 AM Response from Mr. Koon
10:41:01 AM Follow-up question from Senator Sachs
10:41:30 AM Response from Mr. Koon
10:43:50 AM Response from Ms. Pritt
10:45:47 AM Follow-up question from Senator Sachs
10:46:57 AM Response from Ms. Pritt
10:47:11 AM Question from Chair Altman
10:47:57 AM Response from Ms. Pritt
10:49:15 AM Follow-up question from Chairman Altman
10:49:24 AM Chairman Altman thanks Mr. Koon and Ms. Pritt for their presentation
10:49:58 AM Chair Altman ask if there is additional business to come before the committee
10:50:14 AM Senator Sachs introduces Senator Gibson's father
10:51:10 AM Committee welcomes Senator Gibson's father to the committee
10:51:16 AM Senator Gibson moves to rise