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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE - VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Gallison, Messier, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-17.1-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-17.1 entitled  
2 "Veterans' Affairs" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-17.1-10. Veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee established.** -- (a)  
4 There is hereby created a veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee known as "the  
5 Rhode Island veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee" consisting of ~~twelve (12)~~  
6 [thirteen \(13\)](#) members as follows:

7 (1) One of whom shall be the director of the division of veterans' affairs, or his or her  
8 designee, who shall serve as co-chairperson;

9 (2) One of whom shall be the director of the department of human services, or his or her  
10 designee, who shall serve as co-chairperson;

11 (3) One of whom shall be the associate director of the division of planning, or his or her  
12 designee;

13 (4) One of whom shall be the chair of the Rhode Island board of education, or his or her  
14 designee;

15 (5) One of whom shall be the director of the department of behavioral healthcare,  
16 developmental disabilities and hospitals, or his or her designee;

17 (6) One of whom shall be the director of department of health, or his or her designee;

18 (7) One of whom shall be the director of the division of elderly affairs, or his or her  
19 designee;

1 (8) One of whom shall be the director of the department of business regulation, or his or  
2 her designee;

3 (9) One of whom shall be the attorney general, or his or her designee;

4 (10) One of whom shall be the director of the department of labor and training, or his or  
5 her designee;

6 (11) One of whom shall be the director of the economic development corporation, or his  
7 or her designee;

8 (12) One of whom shall be the secretary of state, or his or her designee-;

9 [\(13\) One of whom shall be the adjutant general of the Rhode Island National Guard, or](#)  
10 [his or her designee.](#)

11 (b) Forthwith upon the passage of this chapter, the members of the advisory committee  
12 shall meet at the call of the chairperson and organize. Thereafter, the committee shall meet  
13 quarterly and at the call of the chairperson or three (3) members of the advisory committee.

14 (c) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
15 documentation, and otherwise to the committee and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable  
16 by the advisory committee to facilitate the purposes of this chapter.

17 (d) The department of human services, division of veterans' affairs, is hereby directed to  
18 provide suitable quarters and staff for the advisory committee.

19 (e) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
20 documentation, and otherwise to the commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
21 desirable by the advisory committee to facilitate the purposes of this chapter.

22 (f) The members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their  
23 services. Members of the committee shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may not succeed  
24 themselves more than once after January 1, 2016.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1           This act would add the adjutant general of the Rhode Island National Guard or his or her  
2           designee as a member of the Rhode Island Veterans' services strategic plan advisory committee.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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