

House Bill 3391

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Military Families. Directs Department of Veterans' Affairs and Oregon Military Department to provide staff support to task force.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to military families; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Military Families is established, consisting of at least**
5 **nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

6 (a) **At least one parent of a member of the military or one parent of a veteran;**

7 (b) **At least one family member of a person who was killed in action during an armed**
8 **conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;**

9 (c) **At least one family member of a person who has been awarded the Purple Heart for**
10 **wounds received in combat;**

11 (d) **At least one adolescent dependent of a veteran who was a member of the Oregon**
12 **National Guard;**

13 (e) **At least one spouse of a member of the military or a veteran;**

14 (f) **At least one representative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; and**

15 (g) **At least one representative of the Oregon National Guard who works on issues re-**
16 **lating to military families.**

17 (2) **In selecting the members of the task force, the Governor shall strive to include**
18 **members representing:**

19 (a) **All geographic areas of this state;**

20 (b) **All branches of the military; and**

21 (c) **Active duty, Oregon National Guard and reserve units.**

22 (3) **The term of each member of the task force is four years, but a member serves at the**
23 **pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall**
24 **appoint a successor. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any**
25 **cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the**
26 **unexpired term. A member may not be appointed to serve more than two consecutive terms**
27 **on the task force.**

28 (4) **The task force shall:**

29 (a) **Review and evaluate proposals for legislation relating to military families;**

30 (b) **Provide witnesses to testify before the Legislative Assembly;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (c) Conduct meetings with military families throughout this state;
- 2 (d) Prepare materials and conduct outreach to assist in bridging the gap between military
- 3 and civilian sectors;
- 4 (e) Educate the public about the needs of military families; and
- 5 (f) Identify, review and propose community-based initiatives, programs, tools and re-
- 6 sources to assist military families.
- 7 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
- 8 transaction of business.
- 9 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
- 10 members of the task force.
- 11 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- 12 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
- 13 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
- 14 (9) The task force may establish subcommittees of its members as it determines to be
- 15 necessary to assist the task force in the performance of its duties.
- 16 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- 17 (11) The Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Oregon Military Department shall
- 18 provide staff support to the task force.
- 19 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
- 20 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
- 21 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
- 22 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans' Affairs and
- 23 the Oregon Military Department for purposes of the task force.
- 24 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
- 25 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
- 26 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
- 27 consider necessary to perform their duties.
- 28 SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
- 29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
- 30 on its passage.

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