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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2143

**Introduced by Assembly Member Gilmore
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula and Cook)**

February 18, 2010

An act relating to ~~workforce development~~ *military and veterans, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2143, as amended, Gilmore. ~~Workforce—development: Employment Development Department: veterans: report. Military and veterans: benefits programs: workforce development: report.~~

Existing law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs within state government and sets forth its powers and duties, including, but not limited to, administration of veterans benefits programs.

This bill would require the Department of Veterans Affairs to consult with other state agencies and departments, as specified, for the purpose of coordinating and administering veterans assistance programs in the state.

Existing law contains various programs for job training and employment investment, including work incentive and employment training outreach programs.

This bill would require the Employment Development Department to submit a report, on or before March 1, 2011, to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, regarding the department’s veteran employment and job training programs and suggested options for a governance and management model to increase program integration and coordination, improve service delivery efficiency, and enhance program performance.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. *The Department of Veterans Affairs shall consult*
 2 *with other state agencies and departments, including, but not*
 3 *limited to, the Employment Development Department, the Labor*
 4 *Workforce Development Agency, the Employment Training Panel,*
 5 *the California Workforce Investment Board, the State Department*
 6 *of Mental Health, the Department of General Services, the State*
 7 *Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, and representatives*
 8 *of the University of California, the California State University,*
 9 *and the California Community Colleges, for the purpose of*
 10 *coordinating and administering veterans assistance programs in*
 11 *the state.*

12 ~~SECTION 1.~~

13 SEC. 2. (a) On or before March 1, 2011, the Employment
 14 Development Department, in coordination with the Department
 15 of Veterans Affairs, shall report to the Joint Legislative Budget
 16 Committee and to the appropriate policy committees of the
 17 Legislature regarding both of the following:

18 (1) How the Employment Development Department’s veteran
 19 employment and job training programs are currently structured.

20 (2) Suggested options for a governance and management model
 21 to increase program integration and coordination, improve service
 22 delivery efficiency, and enhance program performance.

1 (b) The report required by subdivision (a) shall include, but not
2 be limited to, all of the following:

3 (1) A recommended set of goals and objectives, in relation to
4 increasing employment and training opportunities for veterans,
5 and appropriate performance standards that may be established to
6 evaluate the effectiveness and accountability of veteran
7 employment and job training programs administered by, or funded
8 through, state agencies and departments.

9 (2) A description of the extent to which veterans are integrated
10 in California's Strategic Plan under the federal Workforce
11 Investment Act of 1998 and the Wagner-Peyser Act.

12 (3) Information regarding how federal Veteran Employment
13 and Assistance Program and Workforce Investment Act grants are
14 integrated and coordinated to support veteran employment and job
15 training programs and how these grants could more significantly
16 contribute to the effectiveness of the state's veteran employment
17 and job training programs.

18 (4) Identification of federal and state funding for veteran
19 employment and job training programs, including, but not limited
20 to, funding from the federal Jobs for Veterans Act, the
21 Wagner-Peyser Act, and the Workforce Investment Act of 1998;
22 statutory or regulatory restrictions, if any, which prevent the
23 integration and coordination of the programs; and recommendations
24 regarding securing or leveraging additional government and
25 nongovernmental funding sources.

26 (5) The status of any federal waivers necessary to increase the
27 integration and coordination of veteran employment and job
28 training programs.

29 (6) A description of other integrated and coordinated state
30 veteran employment and job training program delivery models
31 that represent best practices, and whether those models could be
32 employed in this state to improve the delivery of veteran
33 employment and job training services.

34 (7) Recommendations on how a state integrated and coordinated
35 veteran employment and job training program could improve the
36 percentage of California veterans qualifying for unemployment
37 insurance and federal veteran compensation and pension benefits
38 to which veterans are entitled.

1 (8) The type of training necessary for state and local personnel
2 to better support the operation of veteran employment and job
3 training programs and the delivery of these services.

4 (c) The Employment Development Department shall consult
5 with the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the California
6 Research Bureau, and other state and local agencies and
7 departments that administer or offer veteran employment and job
8 training programs, or have related programs and services that serve
9 veterans, in order to ascertain the information required to be
10 submitted in the report as specified in subdivision (b).

11 (d) (1) The requirement for submitting a report imposed under
12 subdivision (a) is inoperative on March 1, 2015, pursuant to Section
13 10231.5 of the Government Code.

14 (2) A report to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) shall
15 be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government
16 Code.

17 *SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the*
18 *immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within*
19 *the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into*
20 *immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:*

21 *In order to provide veterans with assistance programs and*
22 *employment and job training services as soon as possible, it is*
23 *necessary that this act go into immediate effect.*