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HOUSE BILL 603

Short Title: Reports/Veterans Served by Housing Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives R. Johnson and Floyd (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs.

April 13, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE STATE AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE
3 AND HOUSING-RELATED SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE PROVIDE
4 INFORMATION ABOUT THE MILITARY VETERANS THEY SERVE; AND TO
5 REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO PUBLISH THIS
6 INFORMATION ANNUALLY.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 165 of the General Statutes is amended by
9 adding a new section to read:

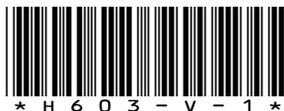
10 "**§ 165-11.2. Reporting on housing assistance provided to veterans by State agencies.**

11 (a) Reporting Required. – No later than April 1 of each year, each State agency that
12 provides housing assistance or housing-related services of any kind to residents of this State
13 shall report all of the following information to the Director of the Division of Veterans Affairs
14 of the Department of Administration:

- 15 (1) The number of veterans that received housing assistance or housing-related
16 services provided by the agency during the previous calendar year.
17 (2) The percentage of individuals who received housing assistance or
18 housing-related services provided by the agency during the previous
19 calendar year who were veterans.
20 (3) The types of housing assistance or housing-related services provided to
21 veterans during the previous calendar year.
22 (4) The amount of funds spent providing housing assistance or housing-related
23 services to veterans as a percentage of the total amount of funds spent by the
24 agency providing housing assistance and housing-related services during the
25 previous calendar year.
26 (5) A summary of efforts made by the agency during the previous calendar year
27 to advertise to veterans the availability of housing assistance or
28 housing-related services.

29 (b) Publication. – No later than June 1 of each year, the Director of the Division of
30 Veterans Affairs of the Department of Administration shall publish the following on the
31 Division's Web site:

- 32 (1) All of the reports received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by that
33 date.
34 (2) A summary of the information contained in the reports received pursuant to
35 subsection (a) of this section.



- 1 (3) A list of State agencies that provide housing assistance or housing-related
2 services of any kind to residents of this State that failed to submit the report
3 required by subsection (a) of this section.
- 4 (c) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this Article:
- 5 (1) Qualifying service. – Any of the following:
- 6 a. Any length of active full-time service other than active duty for
7 training prior to September 8, 1980.
- 8 b. At least 24 months of active full-time service other than active duty
9 for training since September 8, 1980.
- 10 c. Ninety consecutive days of active full-time service during a period of
11 war as defined in Title 38, United States Code.
- 12 d. Any active full-time service or training that resulted in death or
13 disability to the service member.
- 14 (2) Veteran. – A person with qualifying service in the Armed Forces of the
15 United States, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast
16 Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, the
17 Environmental Science Services Administration, or the National Oceanic
18 and Atmospheric Administration and who was discharged under conditions
19 other than dishonorable or has achieved veteran status and continues
20 servng."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. The first reports required
22 by G.S. 165-11.2, as enacted by Section 1 of this act, shall be due on April 1, 2017.