Mission Sustainability
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Alabama

• **SJR 68** amends existing law which established the Alabama Job Creation and Military Stability Commission. Changes relate to the composition of the commission, the period during which business may be conducted, and procedural rulemaking capabilities.

Florida

• **SB 1784** authorizes acquisition of non-conservation lands to buffer a military installation against encroachment. It provides functions of the Military Base Protection Program, and authorizes the Department of Economic Opportunity to annually recommend non-conservation lands for acquisition through fee simple purchase or less-than-fee interest purchase.

North Carolina

• **HB 254** requires the board of commissioners to provide notice to the military commander for certain proposed land use planning and zoning changes affecting land located within 5 miles of a military installation. If the military does not provide comments within 30 days of notice, the military is deemed to have waived the comment period.

• **NC H 433** regulates the height of buildings and structures located in areas within 5 miles of a military installation.

• **NC SB 613** creates the State Military Affairs Commission to provide advice, counsel, and recommendations on initiatives, programs, and legislation that will continue and increase the role that North Carolina's military installations, the National Guard, and Reserves play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the state.
Mission Sustainability (cont.)

South Dakota

- **SB 29** authorizes the Department of the Military to purchase a specified parcel of land in Sioux Falls for use by the South Dakota Army National Guard. Appropriates $335,000.

Texas

- **SB 1200** formally establishes the Texas Commander’s Council (TCC) and requires the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) to meet with them at least once each year. Expands eligibility for access to Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants (DEAAG) by allowing communities to proactively apply for grants. Creates a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Task Force at the TMPC.

Utah

- **HB 325** modifies provisions of the Military Installation Development Authority Act, which is intended to facilitate the development of military land in designated project areas. The actual number of project area residents shall be used as part of any resort communities tax determination. Allows the Authority to levy a municipal energy tax and for consumers to pay directly to the Authority.

Virginia

- **SB 1029 / HB 1853** require local planning commissions to consult with with the commander of any military installation that may be adversely affected by development. Permits a governing body to appoint an additional nonvoting member to its planning commission to represent a local installation.
Veteran Hiring
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- Preference in state hiring
- Protecting veteran status from discrimination
- Training & transitional jobs programs (some industry specific)
- Veterans jobs websites
- Outreach to veterans
- Tax credits to businesses for hiring veterans (64 bills introduced in 21 states, 4 enacted)
Veteran-Owned Businesses

- Enacted Legislation
- Pending or Failed Legislation
Veteran-Owned Businesses

- Request information from each business owner to find out if the business is owned by a veteran (CO HB 1167)
- Include veteran owned small business in eligibility for a small business set aside procurement policy (IN SB 564; NJ SB 527)
- No-interest loan program (MD HB 356)
- Study establishing a registry and identification program to expand consumer awareness and support for veteran-owned small businesses (RI SB 500)
- Considering disabled veteran-owned businesses as a historically underutilized business for purposes of increasing state contracting awards. (TX H 194)
- Outreach to veterans to improve veteran entrepreneurs' awareness of federal and state benefits and provide guidance through conferences, seminars, and training workshops with federal and state agencies (TX SB 1476)
Coordinating Services for Veterans

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Coordinating Services for Veterans

• Data sharing and coordination among agencies
• Interagency task forces or commissions
• Identifying veterans needs and available services
• Maximizing participation in services and programs
Veterans & Mental Health
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Illinois

- **HR 370** urges the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to develop a basic protocol which will provide direction on how best to make available such medications to veterans suffering from PTSD and other forms of severe mental illness. Directs leadership of the House veterans’ affairs committee to monitor the development of the protocol.

North Dakota

- **HB 1424** appropriates $1.5 million to the state Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of conducting a veterans’ needs assessment and providing healing, therapy, and outreach services to veterans and others suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), and other neurological disorders.

Texas

- **SB 846** requires the Texas Veterans Commission to coordinate with the Department of State Health Services to incorporate a suicide prevention component in County Service Officer training.
Property Taxes
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• What are the most important issues in your state?
• What legislative activity would you like to share?
• What questions do you have for others?