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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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*Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans*

[SB 554](#) Substituted for [HB 45](#)- *HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, a disabled veteran who receives a tuition benefit to attend a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center under the GI Bill, but who does not qualify for the 100-percent eligibility tier federally, is eligible for a waiver of tuition and fees from the institution attended. The award amount is equal to the amount that is the difference between the portion of tuition and fees authorized under federal law and the full amount of tuition and fees charged by the institution attended

*Recognizing Veteran Suicide*

[HB 63](#) -Substituted for [SB 302](#)-Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State

Recognizing Veteran Suicide: Urges Congress to recognize epidemic of suicide among veterans & fully fund suicide prevention efforts by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

*Military Medics and Corpsmen of Florida Program*

[HB 131](#) (Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration) & [SB 466](#) (Indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration) Requires DVA & DOH to establish & administer Military Medics and Corpsmen of Florida program; provides program purposes; provides for eligibility; provides program components; authorizes medically trained veterans participating in program to perform certain medical activities under specified supervision.

*United States Space Force*

[HB 465](#) Substituted for [SB 438](#)- *SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

United States Space Force; Revising the definition of the term "uniformed services" to include the United States Space Force; revising the military service branches for which any county or state official who is called to active service may receive a leave of absence; updating military base names; adding post exchanges operated by the United States Space Force to the those that are exempt from paying tax on cigarettes sold; revising the armed forces uniforms that are protected from imitation to include uniforms of the United States Space Force.

*Educator Certification Pathways for Veterans*

[HB 573](#)- *Substituted for SB 896- SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

Expands eligibility to seek educator certification to specified military service members; authorizes DOE to issue temporary certificate to specified military service members & specifies duration of temporary certificate for specified military service members.

*Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program*

[HB1315](#) (*laid on Table*) SB 1712 -*Enrolled Text (ER) Filed*

Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program; Requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to establish the pilot program; requiring pilot program participants to receive certain training; requiring the department to contract with an organization to develop the curriculum for such training; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$500,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2022

Note:

*Special Order Calendar-A list of bills determined to be of high priority and scheduled for consideration in a specific sequence during a floor session on a particular day. This list is taken up during the Order of Business of Special Orders.*