

Senate Bill 329

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Henson of the 41st, Jones of the 10th and Stoner of the 6th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to veterans' benefits, so as to create the Returning Veterans Task Force; to provide
3 for membership; to provide for duties; to provide for recommendations; to repeal conflicting
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 veterans' benefits, is amended by adding a new part to read as follows:

9 "Part 4

10 38-4-90.

11 There is created within the Department of Veterans Service the Returning Veterans Task
12 Force.

13 38-4-91.

14 The Returning Veterans Task Force shall consist of one representative each from the
15 Department of Veterans Service appointed by the commissioner of veterans service, the
16 Department of Community Health appointed by the commissioner of community health,
17 the Department of Labor appointed by the Commissioner of Labor, and the Board of
18 Regents of the University System of Georgia appointed by the chancellor of the board of
19 regents. The member appointed by the commissioner of veterans service shall serve as
20 chairperson of the task force.

21 34-4-92.

22 The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall investigate how state services can be
23 provided to veterans returning from a combat zone within the most recent three years in
24 order to assist them in integrating into society. The task force shall issue recommendations

25 to each relevant state agency regarding improving the delivery of services to returning
26 veterans. On or before November 1 of each year, the task force shall transmit specific
27 suggestions for legislation designed to assist returning veterans to the Speaker of the House
28 of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor."

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SECTION 2.

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.