

Senate Bill 148

By: Senators Harbison of the 15th, Jackson of the 2nd, Henson of the 41st, James of the 35th,  
Sims of the 12th and others

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 style="text-align:center">**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 style="text-align:center">"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 to the  
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor  
28 specific suggestions for legislation designed to assist returning veterans."

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**SECTION 2.**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.