

Senate Bill 108

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Miller of the 49th, Martin of the 9th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT**

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the Department of Veterans Service, so as to require maintenance of a women  
3 veterans' office by the commissioner of veterans service; to provide for the purposes of such  
4 women veterans' office; to require interaction with veterans court divisions to assist with  
5 recruiting and training mentors; to require an annual report; to provide for related matters;  
6 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 1 of Chapter 4 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
10 Department of Veterans Service, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
11 follows:

12 "38-4-13.

13 The commissioner of veterans service shall, in addition to the other duties provided in this  
14 chapter, maintain a women veterans' office. Such office shall conduct outreach to women  
15 veterans for the purpose of improving awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans'  
16 benefits and services, conduct assessments of the specific needs of women veterans with  
17 respect to benefits and services, and review programs, research projects, and other  
18 initiatives designed to address or meet the specific needs of women veterans in this state.

19 The women veterans' office shall work with veterans court divisions as provided for in  
20 Code Section 15-1-17 to assist with recruiting and training women veterans to serve as  
21 mentors for veterans participating in these court divisions. In the annual report provided  
22 for under Code Section 38-4-11, the commissioner of veterans service shall specifically  
23 report on the office provided for under this Code section."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.