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SENATE BILL DRS35085-MU-8

Short Title: Tracking Outcomes of Veterans Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators D. Davis, Brown, and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS TO
3 DOCUMENT, COLLECT, AND ANALYZE OUTCOMES OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED
4 TO SERVE VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THIS STATE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "§ 143B-1218. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to track outcomes of veterans
9 programs.

10 (a) Tracking Veterans Programs. – The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
11 shall track the following types of programs by documenting, collecting, and analyzing the effect
12 of the programs on the outcomes of veterans and their families in this State:

13 (1) Programs to assist veterans in obtaining access to health care, whether
14 physical health care or mental health care.

15 (2) Programs to assist veterans and their families in obtaining housing and other
16 social supports.

17 (3) Programs to assist veterans in obtaining employment.

18 (4) Programs to provide financial assistance to veterans and their families.

19 (5) Any other programs designed to serve veterans and their families in this State.

20 (b) Methodology. – The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall employ a
21 mixed-methods approach that combines the following methods of evaluation:

22 (1) Outcomes-based evaluation. – The Department shall employ an
23 outcomes-based evaluation to study the long-term effect of these programs on
24 the outcomes of veterans and their families.

25 (2) Impact evaluation. – The Department shall employ an impact evaluation to
26 study the short-term impact of these programs on veterans and their families.
27 This evaluation shall include input from veterans who participate in these
28 programs.

29 The Department shall collect and analyze both qualitative and quantitative data in conducting
30 these evaluations.

31 (c) Report. – Beginning November 1, 2020, the Department of Military and Veterans
32 Affairs shall annually report its findings under this section to the Joint Legislative Oversight
33 Committee on General Government."

34 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

