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Subject: RE: Military-Friendly Bills

Attachments: 2015 Legislative Session Recap FINAL.doc

Attached is the version of the press release approved by Chairman Bethea. We anticipate releasing tomorrow (Wed, 6/17).

Thanks for the great assistance!

Best,
Allison

From: Baker, Josh [mailto:JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 10:46 AM
To: Skipper, Allison; Webb, Beth
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Subject: RE: Military-Friendly Bills

Allison,

I think this should address everything; let me know if you need more from me.

Josh

R117, H.3154 – JE Smith – Uniform Military and Overseas Voter Act – Ratified (2015.06.08) Awaiting Signature

- Clarifies certification of candidates for President and Vice President from a hard September 10th in an election year to the first Tuesday following the first Monday in September (dates could range from September 2 to September 8th).
- Provides further technical corrections to definitions.
- Repeals §7-15-400, §7-15-405, §7-15-406, §7-15-460 and recodifies the Uniformed and Overseas Voter act in Article 9 of Title 7, Chapter 15.

Signed

A11,R23, S0391 – Young – Military Tuition Rates – Yesterday was a ceremonial signing.

- Current law provides that members of the armed services stationed in SC and their dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates at public colleges.
- When the personnel are ordered away from the state, their dependents remain eligible for the in-state tuition rates.
- Current law requires those discharged and dependents to demonstrate an intent to domicile in SC and to live here for 12 months in order for to receive in-state tuition
- The new law would establish that honorably discharged veteran of the armed services who has evidenced intent to domicile in SC and their dependents are entitled to receive in-state tuition without the requirement of 1 year of physical residence in the state.

A16, R34, H.3547 – JE Smith – Reemployment Rights for National Guard

- State law currently provides some reemployment rights for members of the South Carolina National Guard.
- This bill extends those rights to individuals employed in South Carolina but are members of another state's guard unit.

A23, R44, S.0153 – Shealy – Disabled Veteran Spouse Tax Exemption

- Current law allows for a property tax exemption for two vehicles titled to a disabled veteran with special DV tags.
- This bill extends that exemption for one vehicle for a surviving spouse until death or remarriage.

R30, H.3324 – JE Smith – Veterans Issues Study Committee

- Expands membership of the existing Veterans' Issues Study Committee to include members appointed by the executive branch and extends the report's due date.

R94, H.3156 – JE Smith – Uniform Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation

- Military families have unique concerns related to child custody after a divorce or in the case of a single parent regarding deployment to combat zones or unaccompanied tours.
- This bill provides a process for temporarily altering custody agreements during the term of a deployment that cannot be used as the basis for making a permanent change to a custody agreement because of a temporary deployment.
- Affords for a non-parent caretaker to stand-in as a proxy for the deployed parent as long as that person is a family member of the child, or has a close and substantial relationship with the child.
- This is a NCSL model law based on similar legislation in over 40 states.

R95, H.3548 – JE Smith – Reports of Abuse or Neglect

- This bill establishes the ability for a county social services agency to communicate reports of abuse or neglect of children to military commands.

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Josh and all,

Military Base Task Force Chairman Bill Bethea has asked me to prepare a media communication regarding the 7 military-friendly bills passed this session by the General Assembly. I wanted to verify that all have indeed now been signed by the Governor – would you mind double-checking these numbers?

H.3154, H.3156, H.3548, S.153, S.391 (I know this was signed yesterday!), H.3324, H.3547

I'll share what we put together before releasing!

Thank you in advance,
 Allison

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