

AMENDMENTS TO LB626

Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds and declares that:

4 (a) Nebraska is a welcoming state for veterans and their families;
5 and

6 (b) Nebraska is committed to workforce development initiatives that
7 help attract and retain veterans and their families.

8 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to:

9 (a) Increase efforts to create public awareness among veterans and
10 their families about the benefits of living and working in Nebraska,
11 including special initiatives enacted to make Nebraska a veteran-friendly
12 state; and

13 (b) Develop new initiatives to better connect veterans to Nebraska's
14 job market and the workforce development needs of employers.

15 (3) The position of veterans' program coordinator shall be
16 maintained by the Department of Labor. The coordinator shall be a veteran
17 and a full-time employee of the Department of Labor and shall:

18 (a) Seek advice and input from the Commission on Military and
19 Veteran Affairs related to veterans' workforce development issues;

20 (b) Be a nonvoting, ex officio member of the Commission on Military
21 and Veteran Affairs; and

22 (c) Submit an annual progress report to the Commission on Military
23 and Veteran Affairs.

24 (4) The Department of Labor shall provide the necessary staff to
25 assist the veterans' program coordinator in carrying out the purposes of
26 this section.

27 (5) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall:

1 (a) Develop a web site, in collaboration with the Department of
2 Labor, with a job-search tool specific to veterans; and

3 (b) Research best practices and web sites specific to veterans from
4 other states.

5 Sec. 2. Section 55-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
6 2018, is amended to read:

7 55-601 (1) The Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs is
8 created. The commission shall consist of the following voting members:

9 (a) The Director of Economic Development;

10 (b) The Adjutant General or his or her designee;

11 (c) The Director of Veterans' Affairs; and

12 (d) Three residents of the State of Nebraska, one from each
13 congressional district. At least one of the three residents shall have
14 current or prior military experience and at least one shall have a
15 background in business.

16 (2) The commission shall have the following nonvoting, ex officio
17 members:

18 (a) The veterans' program coordinator of the Department of Labor;

19 (b) ~~(a)~~ The chair of the State Committee of Employer Support of the
20 Guard and Reserve;

21 (c) ~~(b)~~ The commander of the 55th Wing of the Air Combat Command or
22 his or her designee;

23 (d) ~~(c)~~ The commander of the United States Strategic Command or his
24 or her designee; and

25 (e) ~~(d)~~ The commander of the 557th Weather Wing of the United States
26 Air Force or his or her designee.

27 (3) The members of the commission described in subdivision (1)(d) of
28 this section shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall
29 designate the initial terms of the members described in subdivision (1)
30 (d) of this section so that one member serves for a term of two years,
31 one member serves for a term of three years, and one member serves for a

1 term of four years. Succeeding appointments shall be for terms of four
2 years and shall be made in the same manner as the original appointments.
3 The terms of the members shall begin on October 1 of the year in which
4 they are appointed unless appointed to fill a vacancy. Appointments to
5 fill a vacancy, occurring other than by the expiration of a term of
6 office, shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose office
7 is vacated.

8 Sec. 3. Original section 55-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative
9 Supplement, 2018, is repealed.