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State and Local Government Committee Substitute Adopted 3/7/17

Short Title: Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 9, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION TO ADOPT A
COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FOR VETERANS
AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 143B-1221.1. Strategic plan.

(a) Strategic Plan. – The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall adopt a comprehensive
strategic plan to enhance benefits for veterans and their dependents. The strategic plan shall
include specific objectives related to the following topics:

- (1) Improving accessibility of health, education, training, counseling, financial, and
burial benefits and services to veterans and their dependents.
- (2) Increasing the satisfaction of veterans and their dependents with benefits and
services by meeting their expectations for availability, quality, timeliness, and
responsiveness.
- (3) Educating and empowering veterans and their dependents through proactive
outreach and effective advocacy.
- (4) Any other topic related to enhancing benefits for veterans and their dependents.

(b) Update, Review, and Report. – The Commission shall update this plan every four
years. The Commission shall annually review the State's performance based on this plan and shall
annually report the results of its review to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General
Government."

SECTION 2. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall adopt a strategic plan by
November 1, 2018. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall complete its first annual review and
its first annual report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by
November 1, 2019. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall complete its first update of the
strategic plan by November 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

