

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

February 1, 2019

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a task force on veteran employment opportunities; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 352-a  
2 to read as follows:

3 § 352-a. Veterans employment task force. 1. There shall be in the  
4 division a task force on veterans employment opportunities which shall  
5 consist of the following eleven members: the state director of veterans'  
6 affairs or his or her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the task  
7 force; the commissioner of the office of general services, or his or her  
8 designee; the president of the state civil service commission, or his or  
9 her designee; the commissioner of labor, or his or her designee; the  
10 adjutant general for the state of New York, or his or her designee; two  
11 members appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one of whom  
12 shall be a representative from the private sector; two members appointed  
13 by the speaker of the assembly, one of whom shall be a representative  
14 from the private sector; one member appointed by the minority leader of  
15 the senate; and one member appointed by the minority leader of the  
16 assembly.

17 2. No member of the task force shall be disqualified from holding any  
18 public office or employment, nor shall he or she forfeit any such office  
19 of employment by virtue of his or her appointment pursuant to this  
20 section.

21 3. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their  
22 services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses  
23 incurred in the performance of their functions pursuant to this section.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. On an annual basis, the task force shall hold at least two public  
2 hearings. To the extent practicable, such hearings shall be held in  
3 different regions of the state. During the public hearings, the task  
4 force shall hear the testimony of voluntary witnesses, may compel the  
5 testimony of witnesses and may require the production of any documents  
6 the task force deems reasonably necessary to carry out its responsibil-  
7 ities.

8 5. The task force shall issue a report on June 30, 2021, and every two  
9 years after such date, to the governor, the temporary president of the  
10 senate, and the speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include but  
11 not be limited to:

12 (a) recommendations on the development of new methods and programs  
13 aimed at assisting the state's veterans in finding and maintaining mean-  
14 ingful employment opportunities;

15 (b) an analysis of the current methods and programs;

16 (c) the impact on veteran employment by professional licensing;

17 (d) the impact of veteran contractor programs;

18 (e) the impact of tax credits and municipal grants for hiring unem-  
19 ployed veterans; and

20 (f) any private sector initiatives.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; and shall expire and be  
22 deemed repealed December 31, 2023.