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SENATE BILL 936

Short Title: Veterans Reemployment Priority.

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Sponsors: Senators Warren; Conder, Jordan, and Rand.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE PRIORITY IN EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR UNITED  
3 STATES ARMED FORCES VETERANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 127B is amended by adding a new Article to read:

6 **"ARTICLE 3.**

7 **"PRIORITY IN EMPLOYMENT FOR UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES**  
8 **VETERANS.**

9 **"§ 127B-20. Purpose.**

10 The General Assembly finds and declares that veterans in North Carolina represent a  
11 strong, productive part of the workforce of this State and are disadvantaged in their  
12 pursuit of civilian employment through their delayed entry into the civilian labor market  
13 and that it is only proper and in the public interest and public welfare that veterans be  
14 provided priority in programs of employment and job training assistance.

15 **"§ 127B-21. Veteran defined.**

16 For the purposes of this Article, 'veteran' means a person who served on active duty  
17 (other than for training) in any component of the United States Armed Forces for a period  
18 of 180 days or more, unless released earlier because of service-connected disability, and  
19 who was discharged or released from the armed forces under honorable conditions.

20 **"§ 127B-22. Priority defined.**

1       For the purposes of this Article, 'priority' for veterans means that eligible veterans  
2 who register or otherwise apply for services shall be extended the opportunity to  
3 participate or otherwise receive the services of the covered providers before the providers  
4 extend the opportunity and services to other registered applicants.

5 **"§ 127B-23. Priority employment directed.**

6       All officers and employees of the State and of any county, city, other political  
7 subdivisions, boards, commissions, and other public or private recipients of federal funds  
8 or funds appropriated by the General Assembly, shall establish procedures to provide  
9 eligible veterans with priority in the provision of these programs and services.

10 **"§ 127B-24. Implementation and performance measures.**

11       The North Carolina Commission on Workforce Preparedness shall:

- 12       (1) Issue implementing directives that shall apply to all employees of the  
13 State and of any county, city, other political subdivision of the State,  
14 boards, commissions, and other public or private recipients of federal  
15 funds or funds appropriated by the General Assembly, and revise those  
16 directives as necessary to further the intent of this Article.
- 17       (2) Develop measures of service for veterans that will serve as indicators of  
18 compliance with the provisions of this Article by all covered service  
19 providers.
- 20       (3) Annually publish and submit to the Governor, the Speaker of the House  
21 of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,  
22 beginning not later than October 1, 1998, a report detailing covered  
23 providers' compliance with the provisions of this Article."

24       Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.