



SENATE BILL 63: Military Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 63 adds a new section to Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes to require the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance North Carolina military installations and their missions and to update the plan every four years.*

CURRENT LAW: The N.C. Military Affairs Commission, established under Part 11 of Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes, is a commission within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Commission is to provide advice, counsel, and recommendations to the General Assembly, the Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs, and other State agencies on initiatives, programs, and legislation that will continue and increase the role that North Carolina's military installations, the National Guard, and Reserves play in America's defense strategy and the economic health and vitality of the State.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1. Adds new section G.S. 143B-1310.1 to Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes requiring the NCMAC to:

- (a) Adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance NC's military installations and their missions related to the following topics:
 - (1) Supporting and enhancing existing military installations and missions.
 - (2) Attracting new military assets and missions to North Carolina.
 - (3) Expanding military-related economic development North Carolina.
 - (4) Improving the quality of life for military members and their families, military retirees, and veterans.
 - (5) Advocating military-related issues to the General Assembly, the U.S. Congress, and State and federal agencies.
 - (6) Any other topic related to enhancing North Carolina military installations and their missions.
- (b) Update this strategic plan every four years; to annually review North Carolina's performance under the plan; and, to report the results to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.

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Section 2. Provides that:

- The NCMAC's February 2016 "*Strategic Plan for Supporting and Enhancing North Carolina Military Missions and Installations*" satisfies the requirements of G.S. 143B-1310.1(a).
- The NCMAC shall complete its first *annual review* and its first *annual report* to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by November 1, 2017.
- The NCMAC shall complete its first *update* of the strategic plan by November 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill becomes effective when it becomes law.