



SENATE BILL 63: Military Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 63 would require the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance North Carolina military installations and their missions, to report on the State's performance under the plan annually, and to update the plan every four years.*

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina 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 provides 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: Senate Bill 63 would add a new section G.S. 143B-1310.1 to Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes requiring the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission to:

- Adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to enhance North Carolina military installations and their missions, including specific objectives related to supporting and enhancing existing military installations and missions, attracting new military assets, expanding military-related economic development, improving quality of life for military members and families, advocating military-related issues, and any other topic related to enhancing North Carolina military installations and their missions.
- Annually review the State's performance under the plan and report the results to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government.
- Update the strategic plan every four years.

The bill would also provide that the Commission's February 2016 "Strategic Plan for Supporting and Enhancing North Carolina Military Missions and Installations" satisfies the requirements of the act regarding a strategic plan. The Commission would be required to complete its first annual review and report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by November 1, 2017, and complete its first update of the plan by November 1, 2020.

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

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