

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-235

AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY LEAVE PROVISIONS UNDER THE STATE

Title: PERSONNEL ACT.

Vote Date: 3/14/2024

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/27/2024

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill, introduced by the Military Department at the request of the Committee, aims to modernize outdated military terminology within the State Personnel Act concerning military leave provisions for state employees serving in the armed forces. As requested by the Military Department, (1) changes when service members may take leave with pay without using accrued vacation time to attend ordered military training (as opposed to just "field training") and (2) clarifies the maximum leave they may take is 15 days per year (rather than three calendar weeks).

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

FRANCIS J. EVON, JR., MAJOR GENERAL - MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Submitted testimony thanking the committee for raising this bill at the request of the Military Department. This bill updates obsolete military terminology currently utilized in the State Personnel Act regarding military leave provisions applicable to state employees who serve in the armed forces. Particularly regarding the term "field training," which has caused confusion among state agencies and individual employees. The new language of this bill better encompasses technical terminology used by various branches of the armed forces in describing the training their members must perform. Not only does the amended language contribute to the Military Department's initiative to recruit and retain qualified individuals into the Connecticut National Guard, but it supports the quality of life of all state employees who serve in any branch of the armed forces.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

No sources of support were provided.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

No sources of opposition were provided.

Reported by: Joseph Hamann

Date: March 18, 2024