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Summary: Veteran Study Committee created to study veteran homelessness

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 11/20/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

 1/14/2020 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 79](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200114.docx))

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 2/20/2020 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200220.docx))

 2/24/2020 Scrivener's error corrected

 2/25/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson, R.Williams

 2/26/2020 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 2‑27‑20 ([House Journal‑page 56](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200226.docx))

 3/3/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: King

 3/3/2020 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200303.docx))

 3/3/2020 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Hill ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200303.docx))

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 3/3/2020 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 22](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200303.docx))

 3/4/2020 Scrivener's error corrected

 3/4/2020 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 6](file:///h%3A%5Chj%5C20200304.docx))

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 3/4/2020 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20200304.docx))

 3/18/2020 Senate Polled out of committee **Family and Veterans' Services**

 3/18/2020 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 3](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20200318.docx))

 9/15/2020 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 36](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20200915.docx))

 9/15/2020 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 36](file:///h%3A%5Csj%5C20200915.docx))

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 9/25/2020 Ratified R 183

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**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY VETERAN HOMELESSNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, JOB PLACEMENT, INCIDENCE OF POST‑TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, ACCESS TO BASIC HUMAN SERVICES, AND OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES, THE FILLING OF VACANCIES, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND STAFFING.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Establishment of Committee to Study Certain Issues Affecting Veterans**

SECTION 1. There is established the Committee to Study Certain Issues Affecting Veterans. The committee is comprised of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, and the Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Veterans’ Affairs or his designee. The members of the committee shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman and shall meet as often and at any locale in the State as the committee considers necessary or expedient for the duration of the committee’s existence as provided by this joint resolution. A vacancy on the committee must be filled in the manner of original appointment as provided by this section.

**Committee responsibilities**

SECTION 2. (A) The committee shall study the following:

 (1) the approximate number of homeless veterans residing in this State;

 (2) the approximate number of South Carolina veterans who have been diagnosed with post‑traumatic stress disorder (PTSD);

 (3) the root causes of veteran homelessness and reasons why traditional Veterans Affairs Services are not alleviating the situation, particularly with regard to job placement services;

 (4) the availability of basic human services to South Carolina’s most economically disadvantaged veterans.

 (B) When formulating its findings and recommendations, the committee shall consider information and recommendations from the State Office of Veterans Affairs, representatives of the veteran community, as well as organizations and health care facilities that provide services for homeless veterans.

**Written findings and recommendations required**

SECTION 3. The committee shall render a written report of its findings and recommendations based upon its study conducted pursuant to SECTION 2. The report must be presented to both houses of the General Assembly and to the Governor no later than January 31, 2021. Upon presenting the written report in accordance with the provisions of this section, the committee is dissolved and this joint resolution expires.

**Clerical and administrative assistance**

SECTION 4. The committee shall receive clerical and related assistance from the staff of the Senate and the staff of the House of Representatives, as approved and designated by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively. The members of the committee may not receive compensation and are not entitled to receive mileage, subsistence, and per diem authorized by law for members of state boards or committees.

**Time effective**

SECTION 5. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 25th day of September, 2020.

Approved the 28th day of September, 2020.

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