

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 89

By COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete “; and declaring an emergency”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 11 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The county governing body in each county may appoint one or more**
- 4 **volunteer veterans’ guides to provide support services and assistance to veterans, spouses**
- 5 **and dependents of veterans, and survivors of veterans, within the county.**
- 6 **“(b) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs may appoint one or more volunteer veterans’**
- 7 **guides to provide support services and assistance to veterans, spouses and dependents of**
- 8 **veterans, and survivors of veterans, whom the department serves.**
- 9 **“(2) A volunteer veterans’ guide shall provide volunteer services under the direction of:**
- 10 **“(a) The county veterans’ service officers appointed under ORS 408.410, as described in**
- 11 **ORS 406.450; or**
- 12 **“(b) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs, as appropriate.**
- 13 **“(3) The duties of a volunteer veterans’ guide may include, but are not limited to:**
- 14 **“(a) Developing and maintaining relationships with the local community and local service**
- 15 **providers for veterans;**
- 16 **“(b) Assisting and referring veterans to county and local providers of support services**
- 17 **and programs for food, shelter and health care within the county;**
- 18 **“(c) Assisting county veterans’ service officers or state veterans’ service officers in de-**
- 19 **veloping, planning and implementing outreach to local veterans; and**
- 20 **“(d) Assisting county veterans’ service officers or state veterans’ service officers by**
- 21 **providing administrative services, including handling of telephone calls, scheduling client**
- 22 **appointments, greeting clients, doing client intake, distributing materials, doing mailings,**
- 23 **and handling, scanning and copying of documents and files.**
- 24 **“(4) The county governing body or the department, as appropriate, shall:**
- 25 **“(a) Conduct a fingerprint-based criminal records check on an applicant for a volunteer**
- 26 **veterans’ guide position prior to appointing the person to the position; and**
- 27 **“(b) Require the volunteer veterans’ guide to sign an oath of confidentiality relating to**
- 28 **all information received by the guide that relates to clients and applicants or recipients of**
- 29 **veterans’ benefits or public assistance, including but not limited to names, addresses, tele-**
- 30 **phone numbers, and personal, financial and medical information.**
- 31 **“(5) The volunteer veterans’ guide shall serve as a volunteer and receive no compen-**
- 32 **sation. The county or the department, as appropriate, may reimburse the volunteer veterans’**
- 33 **guide for expenses, may provide the guide with business cards bearing the county’s or the**
- 34 **department’s official logo and may provide the guide with office space and equipment, if**
- 35 **available or necessary. Expenditures made pursuant to this subsection, if any, must be made**

1 from the county funds described in ORS 408.720 or the department's funds, as appropriate.

2 “(6) The department may provide training for volunteer veterans' guides and county
3 veterans' service officers on implementation of this section and offer opportunities for
4 sharing innovative practices and ideas.

5 “(7) As used in this section:

6 “(a) ‘Survivor’ means the spouse or a dependent of a deceased veteran.

7 “(b) ‘Veteran’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 408.225.”.

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