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7 to the country.

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19 made therefor, subject to the rules of the state division of personnel.

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21 which shall include the following information:

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24 programs to New Hampshire veterans, including addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail
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6 functions and duties which are or may be imposed by the laws and regulations of the United States.
7 It shall be the duty of the adjutant general to direct the planning and employment of the forces of
8 the national guard in carrying out their state military mission; to establish unified command of state
9 forces whenever they shall be jointly engaged; to submit such written reports to the governor as the
10 governor may prescribe; and to perform such other duties as the governor may direct. Whenever the
11 governor and those who would act in succession to the governor under the constitution and laws of
12 the state shall be unable to perform the duties of commander-in-chief, the adjutant general shall
13 command the militia.

14 III. The adjutant general is authorized and empowered, subject to the approval of the
15 governor and council, to contract with any person or private or public agency to provide group life or
16 disability insurance coverage for members of the national guard, while on active state duty, within
17 the limits of appropriations made for the national guard.

18 IV. *The adjutant general shall advocate for and promote the welfare of military*
19 *service members, veterans, and their families. The adjutant general shall enhance,*
20 *coordinate, and oversee the benefits and services offered by organizations within the state*
21 *of New Hampshire and direct veterans to appropriate benefits and services offered by such*
22 *organizations. The department of military affairs and veterans services shall serve as a*
23 *clearinghouse for research, data, and analysis, to initiate and support public education*
24 *and awareness campaigns. The adjutant general shall serve as a liaison between the*
25 *federal government and the governor on issues relevant to the department's mission, and*
26 *represent the department at various state and national conventions, conferences, and*
27 *public functions and provide supervision to the department public relations program.*

28 4 Deputy Adjutant General. Amend RSA 110-B:8-b, I-IV to read as follows:

29 I. Assume full responsibility for the [~~adjutant general's~~] department *of military affairs*
30 *and veterans services* in the absence of the adjutant general.

31 II. Assist the adjutant general to implement the department's duties and responsibilities.

32 III. Serve as principal liaison to senior military officials, various state and federal officials,
33 the legislature, local governments, and community groups.

34 IV. Provide overall guidance and direction for state operations including business
35 administration, facilities management, *division of veterans services, the division of community*
36 *based military programs*, and the state veterans cemetery.

1 5 New Subdivision; Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; Veterans Services.
2 Amend RSA 110-B by inserting after section 82 the following new subdivision:

3 Veterans Services

4 110-B:83 Composition of Veterans Services.

5 I. Veterans services shall be divided into 3 classes, namely the division of veterans services,
6 the state veterans cemetery, and the division of community based military programs. Additionally
7 there will be 2 advisory bodies, namely the veterans council and the military leadership team.

8 II. The division of veterans services shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or
9 their dependents to secure all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state
10 or federal laws or regulations.

11 III. The state veterans cemetery shall provide and maintain a dignified final-resting place to
12 honor all veterans and eligible dependents which expresses the state's gratitude for their service to
13 the country.

14 IV. The division of community based military programs shall collaborate, coordinate, and
15 communicate with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New
16 Hampshire veterans, service members, and their families.

17 V. The military leadership team and veterans council shall serve as advisory bodies and
18 shall provide advice and guidance to the adjutant general regarding the delivery of services to
19 veterans and military service members and their families.

20 110-B:84 Division of Veterans Services. The division of veterans services under the supervision
21 of a director of veterans services:

22 I. Shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or their dependents to secure all
23 benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal laws or regulations.
24 The division shall employ such assistance as may be necessary, within the limits of the
25 appropriation made therefor, subject to the rules of the state division of personnel.

26 II. Shall biennially, beginning July 1, 2019, publish and distribute a state veteran's
27 handbook which shall include the following information:

28 (a) Points of contact for all federal, state, local, and nonprofit veterans agencies,
29 departments, councils, hospitals, clinics, and other organizations offering services, benefits, and
30 programs to New Hampshire veterans, including addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail
31 addresses.

32 (b) A description of the services, benefits, and programs offered by each entity listed
33 under this subparagraph.

34 III. May accept and expend for purposes of publishing and distributing the state veterans'
35 handbook, any donations, grants, bequests, and contributions which become available for such
36 purposes.

37 110-B:85 Director of the Division of Veterans Services.

1 I. The adjutant general shall, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a
2 director of the division of veterans services, who shall be a veteran as defined by RSA 21:50.

3 II. The director shall:

4 (a) Supervise the activities of a statewide service delivery structure which assists
5 veterans and family members in identifying eligibility for veterans' benefits, filing claims,
6 coordinating benefits with other state and federal agencies, and reviewing claims decisions for
7 appeals or waivers of unfavorable decisions.

8 (b) Identify and develop legislative proposals to improve delivery of services, review and
9 monitor legislation introduced by others, testify at hearings, and prepare legislative fiscal note work
10 sheets. The director shall coordinate, implement, and administer programs mandated by the
11 legislature.

12 (c) Prepare the agency budget and administer and monitor expenditures for the division
13 of veterans services.

14 (d) Develop and coordinate agency programs in conjunction with the United States
15 Department of Veterans Affairs as well as other federal, state, local, and private organizations.

16 (e) Represent the adjutant general at various state and national conventions,
17 conferences, and public functions and provide supervision to the division of veterans services' public
18 relations program.

19 (f) Perform such other duties as the adjutant general shall determine.

20 110-B:86 Copies of Public Records. When a copy of any public record is required by the
21 Department of Veterans Affairs to be used in determining the eligibility of any person to participate
22 in benefits made available by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the official custodian of such
23 public record shall without charge provide the applicant for such benefits or any person acting on his
24 or her behalf or the authorized representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs with a certified
25 copy of such record; provided, however, that in any case where the copy is made by a town clerk
26 whose official income is derived in part or entirely from fees, a charge for services hereunder shall be
27 made and the town shall reimburse the clerk for the charges.

28 110-B:87 Donations and Bequests. The division of veterans services may receive, on behalf of
29 the state, all donations and bequests that may be made to support the delivery of state veterans
30 services programs.

31 110-B:88 Division of Community Based Military Programs. The division of community based
32 military programs, under the supervision of an administrator of community based military programs
33 shall facilitate military and civilian partnerships by collaborating, coordinating, and communicating
34 with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire veterans,
35 service members, and their families. The administrator shall:

36 I. Develop and implement innovative, effective, and sustainable provider engagement
37 projects to increase education, outreach, and engagement with military-access resources.

1 II. Integrate military and civilian community and coalition networks and strengthen
2 military-civilian community supports by integrating those supports into civilian structures.

3 III. Advocate for federal and state funding to target system changes to improve services.

4 IV. Ensure cost efficiency through decreased overlap, service redundancy and increased
5 service fidelity.

6 V. Co-develop and provide oversight for NewHampshire's care coordination, including
7 services and supports addressing substance misuse, homelessness, suicide prevention, mental
8 health, sexual military trauma, unemployment, domestic violence, education, and legal support.

9 VI. Authorize, evaluate, and monitor the administration of federal and state grants.

10 VII. Initiate and facilitate state planning processes to improve access, navigation, and
11 coordination of military-civilian services and support.

12 VIII. Compile and analyze program statistics and metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the
13 system of care, initiatives and special projects, including the efforts of legislative, statewide, and
14 community coalitions across the state.

15 110-B:89 Council Established.

16 I. There shall be a state veterans council of 4 members to be appointed by the governor and
17 council, 3 of whom shall be veterans as defined by RSA 21:50. The fourth member shall be a family
18 member of a veteran or family member of a currently serving member of the armed forces. All
19 council members shall be citizens of New Hampshire. Of the first appointments of veterans under
20 this section one shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, one for a term of 2 years, one for a term of
21 one year and thereafter each shall be appointed for a term of 3 years. The family member shall be
22 appointed for a term of 3 years. Each member of the council shall hold office until a successor is
23 appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the council shall be filled by the governor and council for
24 the unexpired term.

25 II. The members of the council shall meet not less than semi-annually to review activities of
26 the division of veterans services and provide guidance to and make recommendations for
27 improvement on the adequacy and delivery of veterans programs to the adjutant general. The
28 adjutant general may designate one of the members to serve as liaison to the state veterans advisory
29 committee.

30 110-B:90 Military Leadership Team. There is hereby established a military leadership team
31 which shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall provide advice and guidance to the adjutant
32 general regarding the delivery of services to veterans and military service members in New
33 Hampshire. The military leadership team shall choose a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary
34 from their membership. The team may, by a majority vote of its members, adopt bylaws governing
35 the management and operation of the team. The military leadership team shall consist of the
36 following members:

37 I. The adjutant general or his or her designated representative.

1 II. The director of the division of veterans services.

2 III. The members of the veterans council.

3 IV. The administrator of the division of community based military programs.

4 V. Representatives of organizations which provide services to veterans and military service
5 members in New Hampshire, appointed by the adjutant general.

6 VI. Members of the private sector who have an interest in serving service members,
7 veterans and their families.

8 VII. A family member of veteran or currently serving member of the Armed Forces.

9 6 Aid for Veterans' Programs. Amend RSA 115-A:2, VII to read as follows:

10 VII. "Office of veterans services" means the [~~state office~~] *division* of veterans services
11 established pursuant to RSA [~~115~~] *110-B*.

12 7 Replace Term. Replace "office of veterans services" or "state office of veterans services" with
13 "division of veterans services" in the following RSA sections: RSA 21:50, I(b)(24); 72:29, VII; 94:1-a,
14 I(b), grade CC; 115-A:10; 115-A:14; 115-A:17; 115-A:21; 115-B:5; 115-D:2, I(e); 261-C:2, III; 261-C:3;
15 261-C:3-a; 261-C:4, II; 261-C:7; 358-A:2, XVII; 465:3; 465:5; 465:11; 651:4-b, II(a).

16 8 Repeal. RSA 115, relative to the state office of veterans services, is repealed.

17 9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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SENATE BILL **208**

AN ACT renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs
and veterans services.

SPONSORS: Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Rep. Graham,
Hills. 7

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill renames the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans services. This bill establishes divisions in the department of military affairs and veterans services, including the office of veterans services which was formerly RSA 115.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen

AN ACT renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs
and veterans services.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 273:1 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services. Amend the chapter heading of
2 RSA 110-B to read as follows:

3 ~~[THE MILITIA]~~ **DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS AND VETERANS SERVICES**

4 273:2 Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services; the Militia. Amend RSA 110-B:1 to
5 read as follows:

6 110-B:1 *Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services.*

7 *I. The department shall consist of the militia which shall include the army
8 national guard, air national guard, the inactive national guard, the state guard, and the
9 unorganized militia, and veterans services which shall include the division of veterans
10 services, the state veterans cemetery, the division of community based military programs,
11 the veterans council, and the military leadership team.*

12 *II. The department shall be led by an adjutant general who shall be the
13 commissioner of the department of military affairs and veterans services.*

14 *III. The department may receive, on behalf of the state, all donations and bequests
15 made to promote the welfare of military service members, veterans, and their families.*

16 **110-B:1-a** Composition of the Militia.

17 I. The militia shall be divided into 3 classes, namely the national guard, the state guard, and
18 the unorganized militia.

19 II. The national guard shall consist of an army national guard, an air national guard, and an
20 inactive national guard. As used in this chapter, the term "national guard" shall mean and refer to
21 the army national guard and the air national guard unless otherwise indicated.

22 III. The state guard shall consist of those persons serving in accordance with the provisions
23 of RSA 111.

24 IV. The unorganized militia shall consist of all able-bodied residents of the state who are 18
25 years of age or older, who are, or have declared their intention to become, citizens of the United
26 States, and who are not serving in the national guard or the state guard.

27 V. When authorized by the laws and regulations of the United States, there shall be an
28 additional section of the state guard to be known as the New Hampshire naval militia.

29 273:3 The Adjutant General. Amend RSA 110-B:8, II and III to read as follows:

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1 II. The adjutant general shall be the chief of staff to the governor and shall be the executive
2 head of the [~~adjutant general's~~] department *of military affairs and veterans services*. The
3 adjutant general may perform any act authorized by this chapter or by the regulations issued
4 pursuant thereto through or with the aid of such officers of the national guard or other personnel as
5 the adjutant general may designate. The adjutant general shall exercise and perform all powers,
6 functions and duties which are or may be imposed by the laws and regulations of the United States.
7 It shall be the duty of the adjutant general to direct the planning and employment of the forces of
8 the national guard in carrying out their state military mission; to establish unified command of state
9 forces whenever they shall be jointly engaged; to submit such written reports to the governor as the
10 governor may prescribe; and to perform such other duties as the governor may direct. Whenever the
11 governor and those who would act in succession to the governor under the constitution and laws of
12 the state shall be unable to perform the duties of commander-in-chief, the adjutant general shall
13 command the militia.

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15 governor and council, to contract with any person or private or public agency to provide group life or
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17 the limits of appropriations made for the national guard.

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22 *organizations. The department of military affairs and veterans services shall serve as a*
23 *clearinghouse for research, data, and analysis, to initiate and support public education*
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25 *federal government and the governor on issues relevant to the department's mission, and*
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27 *public functions and provide supervision to the department public relations program.*

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33 the legislature, local governments, and community groups.

34 IV. Provide overall guidance and direction for state operations including business
35 administration, facilities management, *division of veterans services, the division of community*
36 *based military programs*, and the state veterans cemetery.

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1 I. The adjutant general shall, with the approval of the governor and council, appoint a
2 director of the division of veterans services, who shall be a veteran as defined by RSA 21:50.

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4 (a) Supervise the activities of a statewide service delivery structure which assists
5 veterans and family members in identifying eligibility for veterans' benefits, filing claims,
6 coordinating benefits with other state and federal agencies, and reviewing claims decisions for
7 appeals or waivers of unfavorable decisions.

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9 monitor legislation introduced by others, testify at hearings, and prepare legislative fiscal note work
10 sheets. The director shall coordinate, implement, and administer programs mandated by the
11 legislature.

12 (c) Prepare the agency budget and administer and monitor expenditures for the division
13 of veterans services.

14 (d) Develop and coordinate agency programs in conjunction with the United States
15 Department of Veterans Affairs as well as other federal, state, local, and private organizations.

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18 relations program.

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21 Department of Veterans Affairs to be used in determining the eligibility of any person to participate
22 in benefits made available by the Department of Veterans Affairs, the official custodian of such
23 public record shall without charge provide the applicant for such benefits or any person acting on his
24 or her behalf or the authorized representative of the Department of Veterans Affairs with a certified
25 copy of such record; provided, however, that in any case where the copy is made by a town clerk
26 whose official income is derived in part or entirely from fees, a charge for services hereunder shall be
27 made and the town shall reimburse the clerk for the charges.

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29 the state, all donations and bequests that may be made to support the delivery of state veterans
30 services programs.

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32 military programs, under the supervision of an administrator of community based military programs
33 shall facilitate military and civilian partnerships by collaborating, coordinating, and communicating
34 with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire veterans,
35 service members, and their families. The administrator shall:

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37 projects to increase education, outreach, and engagement with military-access resources.

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1 II. Integrate military and civilian community and coalition networks and strengthen
2 military-civilian community supports by integrating those supports into civilian structures.

3 III. Advocate for federal and state funding to target system changes to improve services.

4 IV. Ensure cost efficiency through decreased overlap, service redundancy and increased
5 service fidelity.

6 V. Co-develop and provide oversight for NewHampshire's care coordination, including
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13 system of care, initiatives and special projects, including the efforts of legislative, statewide, and
14 community coalitions across the state.

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17 council, 3 of whom shall be veterans as defined by RSA 21:50. The fourth member shall be a family
18 member of a veteran or family member of a currently serving member of the armed forces. All
19 council members shall be citizens of New Hampshire. Of the first appointments of veterans under
20 this section one shall be appointed for a term of 3 years, one for a term of 2 years, one for a term of
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22 appointed for a term of 3 years. Each member of the council shall hold office until a successor is
23 appointed and qualified. Any vacancy in the council shall be filled by the governor and council for
24 the unexpired term.

25 II. The members of the council shall meet not less than semi-annually to review activities of
26 the division of veterans services and provide guidance to and make recommendations for
27 improvement on the adequacy and delivery of veterans programs to the adjutant general. The
28 adjutant general may designate one of the members to serve as liaison to the state veterans advisory
29 committee.

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31 which shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall provide advice and guidance to the adjutant
32 general regarding the delivery of services to veterans and military service members in New
33 Hampshire. The military leadership team shall choose a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary
34 from their membership. The team may, by a majority vote of its members, adopt bylaws governing
35 the management and operation of the team. The military leadership team shall consist of the
36 following members:

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- 1 II. The director of the division of veterans services.
- 2 III. The members of the veterans council.
- 3 IV. The administrator of the division of community based military programs.
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5 members in New Hampshire, appointed by the adjutant general.
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11 established pursuant to RSA [~~115~~] *110-B*.

12 273:7 Replace Term. Replace "office of veterans services" or "state office of veterans services"
13 with "division of veterans services" in the following RSA sections: RSA 21:50, I(b)(24); 72:29, VII;
14 94:1-a, I(b), grade CC; 115-A:10; 115-A:14; 115-A:17; 115-A:21; 115-B:5; 115-D:2, I(e); 261-C:2, III;
15 261-C:3; 261-C:3-a; 261-C:4, II; 261-C:7; 358-A:2, XVII; 465:3; 465:5; 465:11; 651:4-b, II(a).

16 273:8 Repeal. RSA 115, relative to the state office of veterans services, is repealed.

 273:9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 19, 2019

Effective Date: September 17, 2019

Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE

Executive Departments and Administration

Sen Sharon Carson, Chair
 Sen Kevin Cavanaugh, Vice Chair
 Sen Cindy Rosenwald, Member
 Sen Shannon Chandley, Member
 Sen John Reagan, Member

Date: January 23, 2019

HEARINGS

	Wednesday	01/30/2019
	(Day)	(Date)
Executive Departments and Administration	LOB 101	9:00 a.m.
(Name of Committee)	(Place)	(Time)
9:00 a.m. SB 173-FN	relative to criminal history background checks by employers and public agencies.	
9:15 a.m. SB 208	renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans services.	
9:30 a.m. SB 109-FN	relative to paid details by personnel of the division of fire safety.	
9:45 a.m. SB 115	establishing a commission to study the business environment for mental health providers in New Hampshire.	
10:00 a.m. SB 114	establishing a committee to study state oversight and regulation of life coaches.	
10:15 a.m. SB 222-FN	relative to licensure of pharmacy benefits managers.	
10:30 a.m. SB 226-FN	relative to registration of pharmacy benefit managers, and reestablishing the commission to study greater transparency in pharmaceutical costs and drug rebate programs.	

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY FOLLOW

Sponsors:

SB 173-FN

Sen. Giuda

Sen. Fuller Clark

Rep. Hennessey

SB 208

Sen. Giuda

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Feltes

Rep. Graham

SB 109-FN

Sen. Carson

Sen. Cavanaugh

Rep. Baldasaro

Rep. Doucette

Rep. Goley

Rep. S. Beaudoin

SB 115

Sen. Feltes

Sen. Hennessey

SB 114

Sen. Fuller Clark

Rep. Grote

Rep. J. Schmidt

SB 222-FN

Sen. Rosenwald
Sen. Feltes
Sen. Levesque
Rep. Luneau

SB 226-FN

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Sen. Kahn
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**Senate Executive Departments and Administration
Committee**

Jennifer Horgan 271-2609

SB 208, renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Hearing Date: January 30, 2019

Time Opened: 9:20 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:40 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Cavanaugh, Rosenwald, Chandley and Reagan

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill renames the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans. This bill establishes divisions in the department of military affairs and veterans services, including the office of veterans and veterans council services which was formerly RSA 115.

Sponsors:

Sen. Giuda

Sen. D'Allesandro

Sen. Feltes

Rep. Graham

Who supports the bill: Senator Giuda; Representative Graham; General David Mikolaities, Adjutant General; Warren Perry, Adjutant General; William Gaudreau, Office of Veterans Services; Erin Zayac, Adjutant General; Jamie Cummings, Office of Veterans Services; Janet Dineen, Office of Veterans Services; David Kenney, SVAC; Jim Adam, SVC, Kevin Grady, SVAC; Shawn Buck, NHSVC; Paul Lloyd, State ADJ NH VFW

Who opposes the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Giuda (provided written testimony)

- This bill aligns the Adjutant General's Department with the Executive Order the Governor last year to better and more efficiently serve out veterans.
- This bill also renames the statute and Department to the Department of Military Affairs.
- This does not change the structure or constitution of the militia in the State.
- 17% of the State's population are veterans

- Especially in rural areas, the need to travel or the absence of services has left veterans with out the ability to access VA services.
- This codifies in statute what the Governor did by Executive Order and in so doing expands access to the services of the Veteran's Administration.
- This makes services available to veterans across the state in a very cost effective way.
- The Veterans Services Officers are now able to share data with one another.
- Senator Rosenwald pointed out that on page 5, line 11 it says, 'the council members shall be citizens of NH', while the rest of the bill refers to 'residents'.
 - Residents is probably a better word.

Representative Graham

- That council established on page 5 exists today, so that language previously existed.
- Understands the needs of veterans within the State.
- This satisfies their needs by giving some additional structure, putting them under the Adjutant General's Department without establishing a new department or agency.
- This is a better approach then developing a new department.

General David Mikolaities and Warren Perry (Adjutant General's Department)
(provided written testimony)

- The National Guard is 3,000 strong with members across 18 different geographic locations in the state.
- The Adjutant General is the military department and veterans' services department.
- Under the brand of Fort NH they oversee the Veteran's Cemetery, the Office of Veterans Services, and in the absence of an active duty installation the National Guard will try to do its best to serve currently serving service members, the service community, and their families.
- In the past, a homeless veteran reached out to the Office of Veterans Services and they were able to connect him to a family assistance coordinator. Within a week they were able to find that veteran food and housing. These coordinators have been integrated across the National Guard armories in order to provide veterans benefits or services.
- In conjunction with DHHS, the Department is also rolling out the SAMHSA program which addresses suicides within the veteran community.
- Environmental contamination has been an issue on military bases in the form of PFOAs and PFOS. The Department brought all the stakeholders together and had a listening session with the congressional delegation on this issue at Pease. The congressional delegation then wrote a letter to the Secretary of Defense and to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs about their concerns at Pease. They also held a listening session for all retirees and veterans of the Pease Airforce and now have a registry of 180-200 veterans and retirees who served a Pease in order to take care of their assorted issues.
- These three stories, that all occurred over the last 6-8 months, validates why this change has been working.

Jim Adams (State Veterans Council)

- Veterans Services was doing a tremendous job, but until the Executive Order passed there were just not enough hours in the day to complete all of their work.
- This change ensures that the 110,000+ veterans in the State will get even better services.
- Eight other states have a similar system in place.

Kevin Grady (State Veterans Advisory Committee)

- The State Veterans Advisory Committee is taking a formal vote on this bill on Tuesday.
- Did send out an electronic copy out to members and people were in support of it.
- The Governor came to a Committee meeting and asked where he should send a vet who comes to him with a problem. The response was that it depends on the issue. The Governor responded that that is not a very good answer, which ultimately beget this change.
- When the Governor's Executive Order came out the Committee was on board.

William Gaudreau (Office of Veterans Services)

- Prior to the Executive Order the Office did not have ton of resources to do what they needed to do to help the veterans.
- Previously, they could only focus on veterans benefits like pension and compensation.
- Typically, they did not have the resources to address emergent needs, like veterans being unable to pay their heating bills.
- Under the Executive Order they now have family assistance coordinators that will case manage these veterans to a positive result.
- As director, before he was unable to do much more than administrative and bureaucratic work and now he has ability to focus on the issues NH veterans are facing.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

None

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 31, 2019

Speakers

Testimony

30 January 2019

To the Honorable Members of the Executive Departments and Administration

I am writing to offer support of Senate Bill 208 that, when passed, will rename the Adjutant General's Department to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services, and charge the department with coordinating the delivery of veteran services in New Hampshire. We believe high quality services, and the welfare of service members, veterans and their families can best be enhanced if a single entity is established. A single entity will decrease or eliminate system gaps and provide a unified direction for policies, procedures and programs. Passing this bill will streamline the delivery of services and rally all resources in support of New Hampshire's service members, veterans and their families. Specifically this legislation:

- Establishes a well-defined, well-coordinated government leadership structure, with an identifiable brand, that provides first class service delivery to Service Members, Veterans and their Families
- Will ensure that veterans have access to benefits and services they earned by virtue of their sacrifices to the nation. It models the "Soldier for Life" and "Fort New Hampshire" concepts. Those who are currently serving will support those who have served.
- Leverage the capacity of the New Hampshire National Guard's Service Member and Family Support Program to assist veterans across the state through the use of the five family assistance coordinators (FAC's).

In effect, this bill moves the Office of Veterans Services and the Bureau of Community Based Military Program under the Department of Health and Human Services to a newly named Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services that also includes the Militia, the National Guard, and the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. It also establishes provisions for two advisory bodies, namely the Veteran's Council and the Military Leadership Team.

- The division of veteran's services will assist veterans who are residents of this state and their dependents to secure all benefits or preferences to which they may be entitled under any state or federal laws or regulations.
- The division of community based military programs will coordinate, and communicate with military and civilian provider groups in the delivery of services to New Hampshire veterans, service members, and their families.
- The Military Leadership Team and Veteran's Council will provide advice and guidance to the Adjutant General regarding the delivery of services to veterans and military service members and their families.

Whether a "Soldier, Sailor, Marine or Airman for Life", this bill reinforces the continuum of care and the "Fort New Hampshire" concept that in the absence of a military installation, the New Hampshire National Guard will do whatever it can to support and help service members, veterans and their families. I strongly urge you to support this bill so we can improve and promote collaboration, increase the efficiency of the Office of Veterans Services, balance demand for veterans' services with the capacity to provide them, and increase advocacy for veterans in all branches of government.

President Ronald Reagan once stated, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." With accountability and responsibility fixed on the Adjutant General, there will be a clear link between those serving and those who have served.

Respectfully,



David J. Mikolaities
Major General, NH National Guard
The Adjutant General

Testimony in favor of SB 208

It is my opinion that the change of name from Adjutant Generals Department to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Service is more descriptive of their mission. The department is a one stop shop for our military service members, veterans and their families. I believe that this change in name reflects that mission. It will also make it easier for those needing services to understand that this is the department that can meet their needs. As I have spoken to many veterans throughout my 26 year career with the Department of Veterans Affairs and DoD I can attest to the fact that many veterans have felt that the Adjutant Generals Department was formed to serve active military and Coast Guard activities. This name change and inclusive services will only benefit those who have and are serving our country.

I hope that you will consider this change as a positive move forward to helping those needing services. Please vote Ought to Pass on SB 208

Thank you for your Consideration



Patricia Klee

Chair, State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs

memo

To: Senate ED&A Committee
From: David Meaney, The American Legion, Immediate Past Department Commander
CC: Sen. Giuda, Dist2; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist20; Sen. Feltes, Dist15; Rep. Graham, Hills.7
Date: January 27, 2019
Re: Senate Bill 208

While serving as The American Legion, Department Commander for 2017-18, I was involved, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans and the Vietnam Veterans of America, in writing a joint letter asking the Governor to help to create a system of organized veteran services within the State of New Hampshire. Our request resulted in Executive Order 2018-1 signed by Governor Sununu, on February 15, 2018, which provided that state veteran services be conducted in coordination with the Adjutant Generals Office.

Senate Bill 208 seeks to codify Executive Order 2018-1. I agree with the contents of the bill and feel that it follows the intent of Governor Sununu's Executive Order. I therefore support the passage of Senate Bill 208.

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Meaney, Sr.

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The American Legion

Past Department Commander

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- Expand capacity for additional growth in engineering, transportation and space force structure
- Develop infrastructure to provide a modern readiness center in nine counties and a 1000 acre training center
- Grow full-time staffing to support readiness
- Embrace our roots as a community-based military

Overseas Contingency Operations

Army National Guard

- 4000+ Soldiers deployed since 9/11
- Deployed to 7 countries in the Middle East
- Units have earned two Valorous Unit Awards and six Meritorious Unit Citations since 2001

Air National Guard

- 2000+ individual deployments in the past five years
 - Provide simultaneous support to six combatant commanders
 - Awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 6 times since 2001
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Build Partnerships

National Guard State Partnership Program

El Salvador

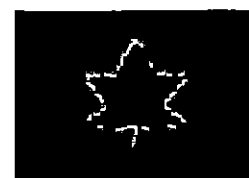
- Partners since 2000
- Conduct 10-12 subject matter expert exchanges annually
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5th Canadian Division, Atlantic Canada

- Affiliation since 1999
- Combat Arms (Infantry and Field Artillery), Combat Support (Military Police), and Logistics Multi-National Training
- Best Warrior Competitions



State Mission

Providing the State and its counties, cities and towns with operationally ready units and personnel to protect life and property and to preserve the internal security of the State when ordered by the Governor.



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When disaster strikes Nev
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Service Member & Family Support

- Family Readiness Support Assistance
- Family Assistance Centers & Care Coordination Services that provide resources for: financial planning, mental/emotional health, careers, legal services, urgent financial assistance and deployment support
- Suicide & Sexual Assault Prevention
- Survivor & Outreach Services
- Transition Assistance

NH Office of Veterans Services

- Coordination for federal VA benefits
- Survivor's Pension
- Veteran's Pension

NH State Veterans' Cemetery

- Veteran & Spouse internments
- Education & Outreach
- Memorial and Veteran's Day Ceremonies

Enduring State Priorities

- Grow and sustain capabilities to meet local and state civil support mission requirements
- Strengthen relationships and partnerships in support of civil authorities



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Providing the Departments of the Army and Air Force with operationally ready units and personnel in support of the total force, and for war or national emergencies as ordered by the President; upon declaration of war by the Congress; or as otherwise specified by federal law.

Air National Guard

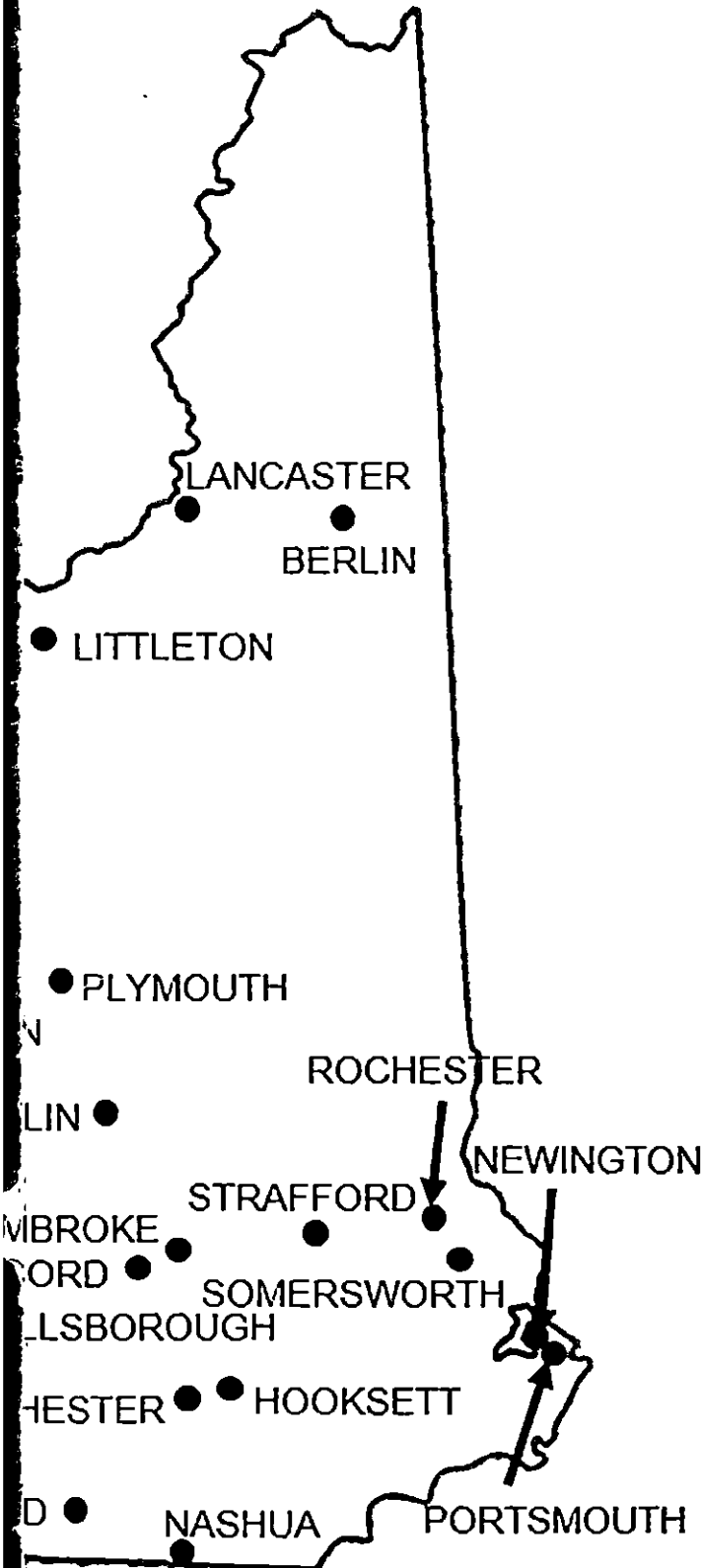
- Operates from the strategically located Pease Air National Guard Base
- First Air National Guard unit to fly the new KC-46A refueling aircraft (12 total)
- 12 mins from oceanic routing to Europe, Africa, and the Middle East
- Largest ramp and longest runway in New England
- Support to domestic operations: Hurricanes Katrina, Maria and Florence
- Mutual Aid Fire Department Compact with 36 surrounding communities

Army National Guard

- Operates from 18 sites supporting local communities
- Nearly continuous deployments in support of global contingency operations since 2004
- Support to domestic operations: natural disaster response, health & wellness checks, warming shelter operations, and cyber security support
- Aviation support to local authorities for search and rescue, swift water rescue, fire suppression and drug eradication

Enduring Federal Priorities

- Grow and sustain trained and ready forces to deliver global land, air, and cyber power in support of all combatant commands
- Strengthen our relationships and partnerships in support of combatant commander's objectives



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Way Ahead

- Strengthen partnerships with local, state and federal civil authorities
- Build and maintain readiness to respond to state and local emergencies
- Sustain aerial search and rescue response focused on the White Mountain National Forest
- Provide direct support to local, state and federal law enforcement in combatting the opioid crisis

Army National Guard (ARNG) — 1600 Soldiers

Field Artillery, Infantry, Aviation, Logistic Support, Maintenance, Medical, Military Police, Engineers, Public Affairs, Signal, Judge Advocate General and Cyber.

Air National Guard (ANG) — 1100 Airmen

Airlift, Maintenance, Air Traffic Control, Medical, Security Forces, Civil Engineers and Communications.

12th Civil Support Team (CST)

The CST supports civil authorities at a domestic chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and/or high-yield explosive (CBRNE) incident site by identifying CBRNE agents/substances, assessing current and projected consequences, advising on response measures and assisting with appropriate requests for additional support.

Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear and/or high yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP)

The CERFP provides immediate response capability for: incident site search of damaged buildings, rescuing trapped casualties, providing decontamination, medical triage and initial treatment to stabilize patients and remains recovery.

Counterdrug Task Force

Supports local law enforcement agencies and other community-based organizations in reducing the effects of drug trafficking and abuse, and making our communities safer for current and future generations.

Pembroke Edward Cross Training Complex

The ECTC is home to the New Hampshire Regional Training Institute (RTI) in Pembroke that provides local, cost-effective, high quality, year-round training courses for the US Army and the region.

Center Strafford Garrison Training Center

A 104 acre year-round facility that supports individual and unit training. The site includes a dining facility, billets, classrooms, paved track, Air Assault obstacle course, weapons ranges, virtual training aids and simulators.

Pease Air National Guard Base

Home to the 157th Air Refueling Wing, it provides Air Traffic Control and Fire Department support for the Pease International Airport and neighboring towns.

Date New Hampshire Guard History

- 1679 New Hampshire's first state militia units are organized from town militias.
- 1754 New Hampshire's militia units fight in various conflicts against the French and their natives allies.
- 1775 During the Revolution (1775-1783), elements of New Hampshire's militia fought at Bunker Hill, Saratoga, Trenton and Monmouth.
- 1812 In the War of 1812 (1812-1814), the militia served in campaigns along the Canadian border.
- 1846 New Hampshire raises one regiment for service in the Mexican War (1846-1848), commanded by Colonel (and future president) Franklin Pierce.
- 1861 During the Civil War (1861-1865), New Hampshire organized 17 Infantry, 1 Cavalry and 1 Artillery regiments for the Union Army. Most saw combat at Antietam, Fredericksburg and Gettysburg.
- 1898 One New Hampshire regiment served during the Spanish-American War (1898-1899).
- 1916 New Hampshire deployed an Infantry regiment to Laredo, Texas in support of the Mexican border crisis of 1916.
- 1917 When America entered WWI (1917-1918), the 1st New Hampshire Infantry sailed to France and became the First Army Headquarters Regiment. Most of the rest of the state militia was assigned to the 26th Division and fought in six campaigns in France.
- 1941 During WWII (1941-1945), the 172nd Field Artillery Battalion fought in Northern Europe while the 197th Coast Artillery (Antiaircraft Artillery) served first in Australia and later in the Philippines.
- 1947 The NH Air National Guard was established as the 133rd Fighter Squadron.
- 1950 Two New Hampshire units were mobilized during the Korean War (1950-1953).
- 1968 The 3rd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery, was one of only two National Guard artillery units to serve in Vietnam from 1968-1969.
- 1990 The 744th Transportation Company served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991).
- 2001 Since 9/11, more than half of the soldiers and airmen of New Hampshire's National Guard have deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terror.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill # SB 208

Hearing date: _____

Executive session date: _____

Motion of: OTD

VOTE: 5-0

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Motion of: Consent

VOTE: 5-0

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Committee Report

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

SB 208, renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Ought to Pass, Vote 5-0.

Senator Shannon Chandley for the committee.

This bill changes the name of the Adjutant General's Department to the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans and establishes divisions within that Department, including the Office of Veterans and Veterans Council Services. The language of this bill will simply codify the Executive Order passed last year by Governor Sununu that has proven to be an effective and beneficial adjustment to support New Hampshire's veterans.

Docket of SB208

Docket Abbreviations

Bill Title: renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs and veterans services.

Official Docket of SB208.:

Date	Body	Description
1/22/2019	S	Introduced 01/03/2019 and Referred to Executive Departments and Administration; SJ 4
1/23/2019	S	Hearing: 01/30/2019, Room 101, LOB, 09:15 am; SC 8
2/4/2019	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass, 02/14/2019; Vote 5-0; CC SC 10
2/14/2019	S	Ought to Pass: MA, VV; OT3rdg; 02/14/2019; SJ 5
3/21/2019	H	Introduced 03/20/2019 and referred to State-Federal Relations and Veterans Affairs HJ 11 P. 70
3/26/2019	H	==ROOM CHANGE== Public Hearing: 04/03/2019 11:00 am LOB 204
3/26/2019	H	Executive Session: 04/10/2019 10:00 am LOB 206
4/11/2019	H	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2019-1380h for 05/02/2019 (Vote 14-0; CC HC 22 P. 7)
5/2/2019	H	Amendment #2019-1380h: AA VV 05/02/2019 HJ 14 P. 8
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5/30/2019	S	Sen. Carson Moved to Concur with the House Amendment, MA, VV; 05/30/2019; SJ 18
6/13/2019	H	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2019-2457e: AA VV 06/06/2019 HJ 18 P. 46
6/17/2019	S	Enrolled Bill Amendment #2019-2457e Adopted, VV, (In recess of 06/13/2019); SJ 21
6/28/2019	H	Enrolled 06/27/2019 HJ 20 P. 53
6/28/2019	S	Enrolled (In recess 06/27/2019); SJ 21
7/24/2019	S	Signed by the Governor on 07/19/2019; Chapter 273; Effective 09/17/2019

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NH Senate

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Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 208

The Committee on Enrolled Bills to which was referred SB 208

AN ACT renaming the adjutant general's department to the department of military affairs
and veterans services.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the
recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Explanation to Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 208

This enrolled bill amendment makes grammatical and technical corrections.

Enrolled Bill Amendment to SB 208

Amend RSA 110-B:84 as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing lines 2-3 with the following:

of a director of veterans services:

I. Shall assist veterans who are residents of this state or their dependents to secure all
benefits

Amend RSA 110-B:84, II as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing line 1 with the following:

II. Shall biennially, beginning July 1, 2019, publish and distribute a state veteran's
handbook

Amend RSA 110-B:84, II(b) as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

under this subparagraph.

Amend RSA 110-B:85, I as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

ENROLLED BILL AMENDMENT TO SB 208

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director of the division of veterans services, who shall be a veteran as defined by RSA 21:50.

Amend RSA 110-B:87 as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing line 2 with the following:

the state, all donations and bequests that may be made to support the delivery of state

Amend RSA 110-B:90, I as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

I. The adjutant general or his or her designated representative.

Amend the bill by replacing section 7 with the following:

7 Replace Term. Replace "office of veterans services" or "state office of veterans services" with "division of veterans services" in the following RSA sections: RSA 21:50, I(b)(24); 72:29, VII; 94:1-a, I(b), grade CC; 115-A:10; 115-A:14; 115-A:17; 115-A:21; 115-B:5; 115-D:2, I(e); 261-C:2, III; 261-C:3; 261-C:3-a; 261-C:4, II; 261-C:7; 358-A:2, XVII; 465:3; 465:5; 465:11; 651:4-b, II(a).