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Bill Title: Deceptive practices: service members and veterans.

Spectrum: Moderate Partisan Bill (Democrat 4-1)

Status: (Engrossed) 2025-09-09 - From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on RLS. (Ayes 12. Noes 0. Page 2753.) (September 9).
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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 694

Introduced by Senator Archuleta

February 21, 2025

An act to amend Section 881 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 694, as introduced, Archuleta. Veteran service providers.

Existing law establishes a competitive grant program that is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs for veteran service providers to provide supportive services that improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. Existing law requires the department to adopt regulations to certify and decertify a veteran service provider, as specified. Existing law requires the department to provide a progress report to the Legislature on or before April 1, 2019, on the status of those regulations.

This bill would instead require a progress report to be submitted on or before April 1, 2026.

Digest Key

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 881 of the Military and Veterans Code is amended to read:

881. (a) "Certified California veteran service provider" means an entity applying to the competitive grant program established pursuant to this ~~chapter~~ and *chapter*, that is certified by the department as having an established history of providing supportive ~~services~~ *services*, and that meets all of the following requirements:

- (1) Provides supportive services as required by this chapter and regulations adopted pursuant to the chapter.
 - (2) Demonstrates, through the submission of appropriate supporting data, that the veteran service provider has the knowledge, experience, and cultural competency to provide supportive services to veterans and their families.
 - (3) Demonstrates, through audits and employment history, the fiscal and management capacity to capably perform supportive services to veterans and their families.
 - (4) Is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) or (c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - (5) Demonstrates through the submission of appropriate supporting data that the entity has effectively served the needs of a veteran or veterans and their families.
 - (6) Demonstrates that all required filings with the Secretary of State, the office of the Attorney General, and the Franchise Tax Board are current. Demonstrates that the entity meets or exceeds the provisions of Article 1.3 (commencing with Section 17510) of Chapter 1 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the Business and Professions Code and complies with the standards included in the Attorney General's Guide for Charities.
- (b) A certified California veteran service provider shall provide to the department all of the following up-to-date documents upon application for certification and at any time during the certification period on request and reasonable notice by the department:
- (1) Articles of incorporation and all amendments to the articles of incorporation.
 - (2) IRS Letter of Determination.
 - (3) Taxpayer identification number.
 - (4) Independent audit reports dating back three years.
- (c) (1) ~~In order to~~ To obtain certification as a certified California veteran service provider, the applicant shall apply to the ~~department,~~ department in a form and manner as required by the department.
- (2) Beginning July 1, 2019, the department shall begin processing and approving or rejecting all applications for certification on the basis of the requirements set forth in subdivision (a).
- (d) The department shall maintain a list of certified California veteran service providers on its ~~Internet Web site,~~ internet website, including the type of supportive services provided by the providers.
- (e) On or before April 1, ~~2019,~~ 2026, the department shall provide the Senate and Assembly Committees on *Military and Veterans Affairs* with a progress report on the status of the regulations required by subdivision (b) of Section 883.