

HB 1059 - Military family relief fund

DIGEST OF HB 1059 (Updated March 5, 2012)

Extends from one year to three years the time that a service member or a service member's dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund. Requires the director of veterans' affairs to annually provide a report to the state budget committee concerning the grant program funded from the military family relief fund.

HB 1065 - Military custody and parenting time matters

DIGEST OF HB 1065 (Updated March 6, 2012)

Requires a court, upon motion by a parent who has received military temporary duty, deployment, or mobilization orders: (1) to hold an expedited hearing to determine or modify custody or parenting time; and (2) to allow, with reasonable notice, a parent to present testimony and evidence by certain electronic means in a custody or parenting time proceeding; if the military duties of a parent have a material effect on the parent's ability to appear in person at a regularly scheduled hearing concerning custody or parenting time. Allows a court, upon motion by a parent who has received military deployment orders, to delegate the parent's parenting time, or a part of the parent's parenting time, during the time that the parent is deployed to a person who has a close and substantial relationship with the parent's child, if the court determines delegating the time is in the best interests of the child. Provides that an order delegating parenting time automatically terminates after the parent returns from deployment. Allows the court to terminate an order delegating parenting time if the court determines that the delegated parenting time is no longer in the best interests of the child.

HB 1116 - Military education and training

DIGEST OF HB 1116 (Updated March 6, 2012)

Requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to an individual who is enrolled in a state educational institution and successfully completes courses that: (1) are part of the individual's military service; (2) meet the standards of the American Council on Education for awarding academic credit; and (3) meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. Requires that the commission for higher education must adopt rules that establish uniform guidelines for state educational institutions to follow when implementing the requirements. Provides that an occupational or professional licensure board shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military service applicant or military spouse who meets certain requirements. Allows a board to issue a temporary practice permit or provisional license while the military service applicant or military spouse is satisfying certain requirements as determined by the board.