



WE SUPPORT OUR MILITARY



SB 732 – Collegiate Purple Star Campuses

Establishes the Collegiate Purple Star Campuses Program to support military members, veterans and their families while they are attending a Florida college or university. This builds on legislation from 2022 that created the Purple Star Campus Program in K-12 schools.

Institutions that wish to be designated a Collegiate Purple Star Campus must :

- Designate a staff member as a military liaison.
- Maintain a webpage listing resources for military students and families.
- Maintain a student-led transition program.
- Provide priority course registration for military students.



SB 274 – Nurse Education Pathway for Military Combat Medics

Creates the “Pathway for Military Combat Medics Act” to give military combat veterans postsecondary course credit for their military combat medic training and education towards a nursing education program.



HB 139 – Benefits, Training, and Employment for Veterans and Their Spouses

Establishes the Office of Veteran Licensure Services within the Department of Health to provide information and assistance with health care licensure processes for all veterans and their spouses.

Requires Veterans Florida to assist veterans and their spouses with access, training, education, or employment in health care professions in Florida.



HB 485 – Veterans’ Services and Recognition

Creates the Division of Long-Term Care within the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) to oversee the operations of veterans’ adult day health care programs.

- Expands eligibility requirements for veterans who wish to enter an adult day health care program.
- Names the week of November 11 of each year “Veterans Week.”



HB 635 – Dental Services for Veterans

Supports veterans who need dental care by creating the Veterans Dental Care Grant Program within the FDVA.

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) reports that only 15% of veterans are eligible to access dental services through the VA. This program will distribute grants to eligible nonprofits that provide dental care to veterans in Florida.



SB 574 – Termination of Agreements by a Servicemember

Supports servicemembers who are living in Florida who receive military orders to live in government quarters and must terminate an existing lease agreement.

Enables servicemembers to terminate a private rental agreement early if they become eligible for privatized military housing.



HB 621 – Death Benefits for Active Duty Servicemembers

Supports military families by establishing a uniform death benefit for active duty servicemembers of \$75,000. Currently some military families only receive \$25,000 instead of the full \$75,000 even when the servicemember was on active duty.



HB 1285 – Florida State Guard

Establishes the Florida State Guard as a permanent component in Florida and creates the Division of the State Guard within the Department of Military Affairs.

Fully funds the Florida State Guard at \$107 million.