

March 24, 2005

S 1117. 2005 MILITARY SUPPORT ACT. TO ENACT THE 2005 SOLDIER, SAILOR, MARINE, AND GUARDSMEN SUPPORT ACT. Adopts the following provisions to further support US military bases and installations in NC: (1) Effective July 1, 2006, appropriates from the State Highway Fund to the US Dep't of Defense a sum equal to the estimated net from a 13.5-cent State motor fuel tax collected during the preceding fiscal year for fuel sold within a military installation. Requires that half of these funds be used by the Dep't of Defense for community services and half be deposited in the Conservation Grant Fund to be used for acquisitions of land adjacent to military bases and flyways. (2) Urges NC occupational licensing boards to develop policies to expedite the licensing process for military spouses, except does not apply to health professions or to teaching. (3) Enacts new GS 115D-5(o) to authorize State Board of Community Colleges to adopt rules that allow the New and Expanding Industry Training Program and the Focused Industrial Training Program to use funds to support training projects for the various branches of the US Armed Forces. (4) Amends GS 42-45(a) to allow members of the Armed Force to terminate rental agreements early when being deployed. (5) Requires that the Dep't of Public Instruction (DPI) appoint a liaison to the military bases in NC to facilitate communication between DPI and military families and maintain membership in the Military Child Education Coalition. (6) Requires that the State Board of Education review transfer credit policies to ensure that students, especially children of Armed Forces members, receive credit for courses taken outside NC, and report review results and policy modifications to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by December 15, 2005. (7) Effective July 1, 2005, appropriates \$25,000 for 2005-06 and \$25,000 for 2006-07 from General Fund to DPI to educate military employees about the Troops to Teachers Program. (8) Provides that the child of an active duty member of the military stationed in NC need not satisfy the residency requirements of the NC School of Science and Mathematics, effective beginning with the 2005-06 academic year.

Part X of act, appropriating funds for children with disabilities and for academically gifted children, is identical to H 246, introduced 2/16/05.

Intro. by Rand.

Ref. to Appropriations

GS 42, 105, 115D, 116, 136, APPROP

May 12, 2005

S 1117. 2005 MILITARY SUPPORT ACT. Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. (1) Replaces appropriation from the State Highway Fund to the US Dep't of Defense with new GS 105-449.128 requiring that the Secretary of Revenue annually distribute to each State military installation exchange an amount equal to the amount of motor fuel the exchange reports that it sold during the previous fiscal year, multiplied by the distribution rate (defined in act). Requires that funds distributed be deposited in the Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund and used for community services for military members and their families. Applies to motor fuel sold on or after July 1, 2006. Requires that military installation exchanges report annually on the amount of motor fuel sold during the previous fiscal year. (2) Deletes appropriation from the General Fund to the Dep't of Public Instruction (DPI) to educate military employees about the Troops to Teachers Program. (3) Deletes provision appropriating funds for children with disabilities and for academically gifted children and provision requiring that DPI maintain membership in the Military Child Education Coalition. (4) Amends GS 116-143.3 to provide that active duty members of the US armed services and their dependents will continue to be eligible for the in-state tuition rate upon member's retirement. Makes technical and conforming changes.

July 27, 2005

S 1117. 2005 MILITARY SUPPORT ACT. Intro. 3/24/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Modifies proposed GS 105-449.128 to increase required gas tax distribution to military installations to one-half (was, one-third) of the sum of the flat cents-per-gallon rate in effect during the year for which the distribution is made and the average of the two variable cents-per-gallon rates in effect during that year. Requires that \$35,000 of that amount be distributed annually to Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base Regional Land Use Advisory Comm'n,

Inc., for operating expenses. Requires that balance be distributed as follows: one-half to military installations and deposited in the Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund; and one-half to the Conservation Grant Fund for compatible land use and conservation easement type acquisitions of land adjacent to military bases and flyways. (Second edition required that entire gas tax distribution be deposited in Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund.)

August 29, 2005

S 1117. 2005 MILITARY SUPPORT ACT. Intro. 3/24/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Deletes Part II of Act (Waive 1/2 Military Base Gas Tax). Enacts new Part IA, effective July 1, 2006, to appropriate \$1 million for 2006-07 from the General Fund to a Reserve for the Military Morale, Recreation, and Welfare Fund. Requires that funds be distributed to military installations on a per capita basis and used for community services and other expenditures to improve quality of life programs for members of the military and their families. Also appropriates \$1 million for 2006-07 from the General Fund to the Conservation Grant Fund, to be used for compatible land use and conservation easement type acquisitions of land adjacent to military bases and flyways. Amends GS 42-45 to provide that members of the US Armed Forces may terminate a dwelling rental agreement if member is deployed for a period of at least 90 days (was, if required to move due to deployment). Lease termination is effective 30 days after the first date on which the next rental payment is due or 45 days after the landlord's receipt of the notice of termination, whichever is shorter. Amends section requiring that Dep't of Public Instruction (DPI) appoint a liaison to the military bases in NC by instead requiring that DPI study the feasibility of designating a liaison. Makes technical corrections.

October 5, 2005

SL 2005-445 (S 1117). 2005 MILITARY SUPPORT ACT. AN ACT TO ENACT THE 2005 SOLDIER, SAILOR, MARINE, AIRMEN, AND GUARDSMEN SUPPORT ACT. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/24/05, 5/12/05, 7/27/05, and 8/29/05. Enacted September 28, 2005. Effective September 28, 2005, except as otherwise provided.