



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 1st Quarter Legislative Affairs (Tele-conference), January 31, 2018

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sally-Ann Gupta AR for Sen Harry Brown
Rep George Cleveland
Hon Chuck Allen (by-phone)
Steve Ratti (by-phone)

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Jamie Norment, ACT (by-phone)
Whitney Christensen, ACT (by-phone)
Kelly Jackson, DMVA

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS:

Ms. Sally-Ann Gupta chaired today's meeting on behalf of Senator Brown, and called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Ms. Gupta invited all participants to introduce themselves. Ms. Gupta requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 3rd quarter meeting of the committee dated July 19, 2017. Steve Ratti made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Hon Chuck Allen and passed by unanimous vote with no discussion.

NEW LEGISLATION:

Sally-Ann Gupta stated that there was only one item for discussion for the meeting. This is a follow on to an item discussed at the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) meeting in November. The Quality of Life (QOL) Committee had discussed remote enrollment for military dependents. The NCMAC recommended that this topic be a tasker to the Legislative Affairs Committee. We took that item for action and now have draft legislation on this topic. Due to confidentiality Sally-Ann Gupta can't read the exact language of the draft legislation. Ms. Gupta and Kirk Warner, Chairman of the QOL committee had exchanged emails and Kirk Warner introduced to Sally-Ann Gupta some legislation that had been passed in California. That legislation allowed an Active Duty (AD) military member who had valid Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, which allowed that AD member's juvenile dependent(s) to remotely enroll in school prior to physically moving to that state. The benefits are obvious. We have dependents that have been missing out on the ability to enroll in school and school related programs until they were physically move along with AD military member into the state. They have missed out on opportunities. This draft legislation is like the California legislation, and modeled after that legislation. Where a parent or legal guardian is AD military and transferred or pending transfer pursuant to official military orders, this allows that student to seek to enroll in a local education agency or district prior to physically moving to the state. All the student needs to show is that their parent or legal guardian is AD military and has valid PCS orders for an installation in North Carolina. Chuck Allen commented that this benefits our military children. An example is if the parent gets PCS orders in the Spring, their grade school child can enroll in whatever local education district that they choose to reside in. This is not limited to the local education agency that services that installation. We have many military families that reside off post and are living in a neighboring county. Before they physically start attending the school they need to show that they have residency there. Sally-Ann Gupta stated that Senator Brown may be

prepared to run this in the Short Session. She has been speaking with staff on the House side and she is hopeful that this may result in a companion bill on the House side. They would like to move this forward in the Short Session and get it adopted. Steve Ratti commented that this is great legislation and needed in NC. Jamie Norment and Whitney Christensen both commented that this was great legislation and support from Cherry Point. No further discussion on this topic.

ANOTHER TOPIC:

Chuck Allen asked Rep George Cleveland if he thought that the topic about Wind Farms could come up in the Short Session? Rep Cleveland did not think that anything legislative was going to come up. The topic is still a live topic.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Gupta requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hon Chuck Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rep George Cleveland and passed with a unanimous vote. The tele-conference adjourned at 11:12.