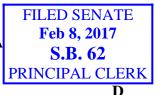
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## **SENATE BILL DRS35035-MU-11A** (01/25)

Short Title:	Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators D. Davis and Brown (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
AN ACT T	TO REQUIRE THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION 7	TO ADOPT A
COMPR	EHENSIVE STRATEGIC PLAN TO ENHANCE BENEFITS FO	R VETERANS
AND TH	EIR DEPENDENTS.	
The General	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:	
S	ECTION 1. Article 14 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes	is amended by
adding a new	section to read:	
" <u>§ 143B-122</u>	0.1. Strategic plan.	

9	(a) Strategic Plan. – The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall adopt a comprehensive
10	strategic plan to enhance benefits for veterans and their dependents. The strategic plan shall
11	include specific objectives related to the following topics:
12	(1) Improving accessibility of health. education. training, counseling, financial, and

<u>(1)</u>	Improving accessibility of health, education, training, counseling, financial, and
	burial benefits and services to veterans and their dependents.
(2)	Increasing the satisfaction of veterans and their dependents with benefits and

- (2)services by meeting their expectations for availability, quality, timeliness, and responsiveness.
- Educating and empowering veterans and their dependents through proactive (3) outreach and effective advocacy.
- Any other topic related to enhancing benefits for veterans and their dependents. (4)

Update, Review, and Report. - The Commission shall update this plan every four 20 (b) 21 years. The Commission shall annually review the State's performance based on this plan and shall 22 annually report the results of its review to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General 23 Government."

24 **SECTION 2.** The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall adopt a strategic plan by 25 November 1, 2018. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall complete its first annual review and its first annual report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by 26 27 November 1, 2019. The Veterans' Affairs Commission shall complete its first update of the 28 strategic plan by November 1, 2020.

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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

