

DoD progress working with States

8/16/2018

Highlights of the Week:

- Three bills signed this week: SCRA enhancement in AK, teacher certification in IL and pro bono legal representation in MA
- 76 policies enacted/initiated with no other initiatives expected to pass before the end of the fiscal year.
- Only two states are in session.

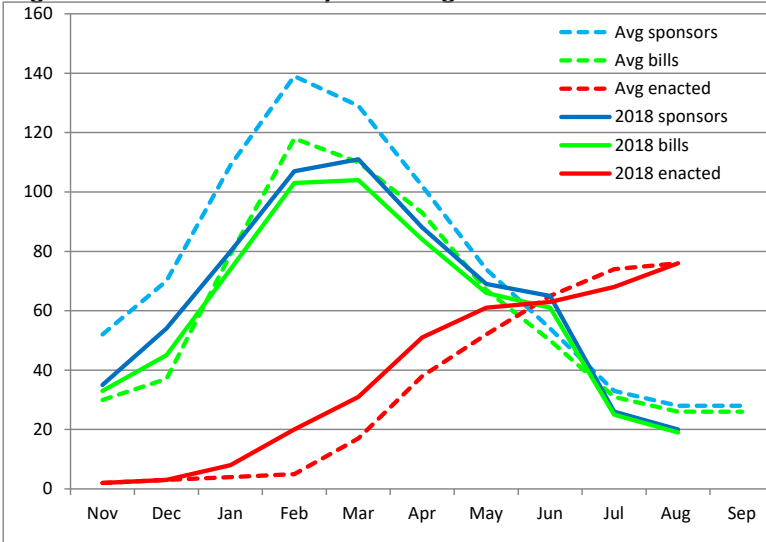
State status:

	License Eval	PTLC	PSYPACT	REPLICA	NLC	Teach Licensing	Academic Credit	Medicaid waiver	Priv sec vet hire	NG emp protect	SCRA Enhance	Pro Bono legal	Child abuse	Other*
ALABAMA	X													
ALASKA									X	X	X			
ARIZONA										X		X		
ARKANSAS	P					X						X		
CALIFORNIA						X						X		X
COLORADO			X		X	X								X
CONNECTICUT						X								
DC														
DELAWARE	X													
FLORIDA	X					X					X			
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IDAHO														
ILLINOIS						X								
INDIANA														
IOWA		X												
KANSAS														
KENTUCKY										X				X
LOUISIANA	X	X			X	X					X		X	
MAINE														
MARYLAND	P										X			
MASSACHUSETTS	X				P							X		
MICHIGAN					P	P								
MINNESOTA														
MISSISSIPPI										X				
MISSOURI			X	X										
MONTANA														
NEBRASKA	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X			
NEVADA														
NEW HAMPSHIRE	X			X										
NEW JERSEY		X			P	P								
NEW MEXICO					X	X								
NEW YORK	X													
NORTH CAROLINA														
NORTH DAKOTA														
OHIO						P							P	P
OKLAHOMA	X	X												
OREGON														
PENNSYLVANIA	P	P					P			P				P
RHODE ISLAND	X													
SOUTH CAROLINA	X	X		X										
SOUTH DAKOTA										X				
TENNESSEE	X					X								
TEXAS	X													
UTAH	X					X						X		X
VERMONT	X						X							X
VIRGINIA	X					X				X				
WASHINGTON											X			
WEST VIRGINIA		X											X	
WISCONSIN										X				
WYOMING											X			

Status by issue:

Issue	With Policy	Sponsors		Active Bills		Passed Both	Governor Signed
		Total	States	Total	States		
License Evaluation	16	3	3	3	3	0	15
License Compacts	35	6	4	6	4	0	20
Teacher License	31	3	2	3	2	0	12
Academic Credit	36	3	2	3	2	0	0
Medicaid	34	0	0	0	0	0	2
Vet Hire Protection	37	0	0	0	0	0	1
NG Emp Protection	41	1	1	1	1	0	7
SCRA enhancements	14	0	0	0	0	0	7
Pro Bono Legal	11	0	0	0	0	0	5
Child Advocacy	19	1	1	1	1	0	2
Other*		3	2	2	2	0	5
TOTALS		20		19	15	0	76
Aggregate States			7		7	0	36

Legislative trends: 2018 v. 8 year Average



Legend:

Other* = Previously considered issues active during current year

- P = Proposed legislation
- X = Current year enacted legislation/set policy
- Light Blue = State previously enacted legislation/set policy
- Grey = State not in session

Key issues for 2018:

- **Implementation of supportive licensure laws:** State legislatures can assist transitioning Service members and military spouses by requesting occupational boards report on their efforts to implement of recent law changes.
- **Licensing Compacts:** Enact laws approving compacts that further expedite licensure for separating Service members and military spouses: Physical Therapy License Compact, Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, Emergency Medical Services License Compact and the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact.
- **Military spouse teacher certification:** Accepting an existing standard certificate, establishing a temporary certificate, or expediting application and adjudication processes to alleviate the delays.
- **Academic credit for military education, training and experience:** Assist separating Service members to obtain academic credit by not having to repeat requirements completed while in the military.
- **Retain earned priority for receiving Medicaid home and community care waivers:** Service members enroll their exceptional family member in their state of legal residence to stabilize their request for support after separation.
- **Allow private sector employers to offer hiring preference to veterans:** Laws or policies to protect private sector employers from discrimination claims when offering hiring preference to veterans.
- **National Guard employment protections during state-sponsored activation:** Protect rights of members of the National Guard during state-sponsored mobilizations who drill outside of the state in which they are employed.
- **Increase protection under state Service members Civilian Relief Act:** Enact provisions to eliminate or reduce the penalties associated with termination of service on short notice due to assignment or mobilization.
- **Pro-bono legal representation for military families:** States can assist by organizing pro-bono programs that can connect qualified attorneys with Service members and their families in need.
- **State policy to support identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect:** Require child protective services to identify military families and report cases to the appropriate military authorities.

Other Previous Issues being worked in 2018:

- **Expand Unemployment Compensation for Trailing Military Spouses:** Recognize that, unlike the private sector, a move mandated by military orders is not 'voluntary' and therefore, the trailing spouse should qualify for unemployment compensation.
- **Facilitate military spouse transition through licensure portability:** Expedite licensing through endorsement, temporary licensure and streamlined processes.
- **Provide authority for establishing Veteran Treatment Courts (VTCs):** Authorize VTCs to facilitate rehabilitation (instead of incarceration) for veterans and Service members experiencing problems.

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