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***Report Summary in Response to 2016 Senate Resolution No. 255***  
***Veterans' Services and Programs in Pennsylvania***

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Senate Resolution 255 directed the Joint State Government Commission to review services, benefits, and programs currently offered to veterans, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families by Commonwealth agencies, veterans' service organizations, institutions of higher education, secondary schools, and the Federal Government, and to provide a report outlining the above-mentioned programs and benefits.

In accordance with the Resolution, the report contains a listing of federal, state, and county services, benefits, and programs currently offered to veterans, active service members, and their families in the Commonwealth.

A separate section is devoted to education. This section describes programs and services provided by Pennsylvania institutions of higher education to support active National Guard and Reserve service members, veterans, and their families. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is also covered.

The report includes a review of veterans' service organizations and other nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to veterans and their families.

A brief review of benefits and services offered in other states as well as structural models of service delivery utilized by several states is also included.

Contact information for various services, benefits, and programs is presented throughout the report and in the appendices.

Recommendations focus on outreach to veterans and their families and on collaboration between agencies that provide services to veterans and service members.

**The full report is available on our website <http://jsg.legis.state.pa.us/>**