

VETERANS SPEAKERS PROGRAM Act 81 of 2000

AN ACT to create a veterans speakers program within the department of military and veterans affairs; and to prescribe duties for certain state officials.

History: 2000, Act 81, Imd. Eff. Apr. 19, 2000.

Compiler's note: For transfer of powers and duties to administer veterans speakers program from department of military and veterans affairs to Michigan veterans affairs agency, see E.R.O. No. 2013-2, compiled at MCL 32.92.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

32.281 Veterans speakers program; creation; duties of directorate.

Sec. 1. A veterans speakers program is created within the veterans' affairs directorate of the department of military and veterans affairs. Under the program, the directorate may do all of the following:

(a) Create a list of veterans who are willing to visit local schools and make presentations of their military experiences. The list shall include the length of service, geographical area of service, and the rank of each veteran.

(b) Encourage veterans' organizations to participate in the program.

(c) Create a pamphlet that encourages schools to utilize the experiences of veterans in the course of their educational instruction. The pamphlet shall include the names and means of contacting appropriate veterans from the list of veterans created under subdivision (a).

(d) Distribute the pamphlet to all the school districts in this state.

(e) Provide a system of receiving evaluations of the speakers and the program from teachers and students who utilized the program.

(f) Update the list of available veteran speakers at least annually. The directorate may make the list available on the internet through the web site of the department of military and veterans affairs.

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32.282 Other instruction; participation in program.

Sec. 2. The speakers program created in section 1 is not a replacement for any instruction required by any other law. This act does not require a teacher to participate in the program created in section 1. A teacher who chooses to participate in the program may tailor the subject matter and select the veteran that he or she determines is most appropriate for the students.

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32.283 Annual report.

Sec. 3. The director of the veterans' affairs directorate shall annually report to the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over veterans affairs on the merits and the use of the program.

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