

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 30, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1913

Introduced by Assembly Member Baker
(Coauthors: Assembly Members ~~Brown and Mathis~~ Achadjian,
Brough, Brown, Chang, Dodd, Eggman, Kim, Mathis, Olsen, and
Steinorth)

(Coauthors: Senators Allen and Bates)

February 11, 2016

An act to add Section 974.7 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1913, as amended, Baker. ~~Veterans: unemployment insurance.~~
Veterans: Employment Development Department.

Existing law authorizes the Employment Development Department, within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, to perform various functions and duties with respect to job creation and retention activities. Existing law requires the department to research the needs of veterans throughout the state and develop a profile of veterans' employment and training ~~needs and needs~~. *Existing law requires the department* to develop a statewide plan for the equitable distribution of employment funds for veterans' employment services. Existing law authorizes the board of supervisors of each county to appoint a county veterans service officer to provide veteran-related services.

This bill would require the Employment Development Department, upon request of the local county veterans service officer, to provide training to the county veterans service officer and his or her staff in providing assistance to veterans applying for unemployment insurance

benefits. *The bill would require the Employment Development Department to coordinate with county veterans service officers for purposes of becoming familiar with the services provided by county veterans service officers. The bill would further require the Employment Development Department to establish a system to refer veterans to county veterans service officers for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 974.7 is added to the Military and
- 2 Veterans Code, to read:
- 3 974.7. (a) Upon request of the county veterans service officer,
- 4 the Employment Development Department shall provide training
- 5 to the county veterans service officer and his or her staff in
- 6 providing assistance to veterans applying for benefits available
- 7 under Part 1 (commencing with Section 100) of Division 1 of the
- 8 Unemployment Insurance Code.
- 9 (b) *The Employment Development Department shall coordinate*
- 10 *with county veterans service officers to become familiar with the*
- 11 *services provided by county veterans service officers.*
- 12 (c) *The Employment Development Department shall establish*
- 13 *a system to refer veterans to county veterans service officers to*
- 14 *determine if a veteran is eligible for any federal or state benefits.*