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HOUSE & SENATE PASS BILLS TO AID VETS

State Representative Theresa Conroy (D-Seymour, Beacon Falls, Derby) hailed recent House and Senate passage of veteran-friendly legislation.

“The Connecticut General Assembly stands with veterans,” Rep. Conroy said. “The legislation we recently approved will have a positive impact on women vets and veterans heading back to school.”

SB 904, [An Act Establishing the Connecticut Women Veterans' Program](#), will establish a program within the state Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide information and services to women veterans.

The program will:

- Reach out to women veterans to improve awareness of federal and state veterans' benefits and services eligibility;
- Assess women veterans' needs for benefits and services;
- Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address or meet Connecticut women veterans' needs; and
- Incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning on benefits and services.

SB 694, [An Act Concerning Services Available to Veterans On State College And University Campuses](#), seeks to provide adequate support for veterans at the state's two and four-year colleges and universities.

Higher education officials will study the Operation Academic Support for Incoming Service-members (OASIS) center that is currently in place at Tunxis Community College in Farmington. The Tunxis OASIS provides support and services to more than 200 veterans currently enrolled at the school.

The bills await action by Governor Malloy.

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