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Vets could get college credit for service

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A state proposal could allow veterans returning home with valuable military experience to have an easier time getting college credit or professional licenses in Ohio.

In Gov. John Kasich's 1,600-page budget update bill, the administration is pushing for ways for veterans to earn college credit at no charge based on their military training and experience, give them priority status for college course registration, and cut the red tape involved in getting professional licenses from dozens of state regulatory agencies.

"They deserve our help to transition back into civilian life," Kasich said in his 2014 State of the State address. For example, veterans who drove heavy equipment in a war should get credit when they're seeking a commercial drivers' license in Ohio, he said. "If you can drive a truck from Kabul to Kandahar, Afghanistan, don't you think you should be able to drive a truck from Columbus to Cleveland?"

Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor promoted the program at the Ohio National Guard Base in Springfield on Wednesday. She said insurance and other industries are expecting to hire workers in the next few years, and many of the skills veterans have earned are transferable to a variety of fields.

Veterans have busy lives, she said, and it makes sense to give them priority when registering for college courses.

"It's good to give our veterans the first shot at a chance to get in," Taylor said.

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Lt. Governor talks jobs and the military in Springfield

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Video: <http://wdtn.com/2014/03/19/lt-governor-talks-jobs-and-the-military-in-springfield/>

SPRINGFIELD – Jobs were the hot topic today in Springfield.

Ohio Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor was at the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport Wednesday for an event hosted by the Ohio National Guard.

She toured the 178th Fighter Wing before speaking to the crowd.

The Lt. Governor talked about Governor John Kasich's employment Initiatives and education proposals for veterans and active military members.

She discussed his plans to make it easier for veterans to get professional licenses in Ohio, as well as his proposal for service members to receive college credit for previous military training and the skills they've acquired.

Governor Kasich will visit Wright State University Friday to talk about those same things; his recent policy proposals to strengthen college and workforce opportunities for Ohio veterans.



**Lt. Governor Tours 178th Fighter Wing In Springfield Wednesday
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Video: http://www.fox45now.com/shared/news/top-stories/stories/wrgt_vid_19209.shtml

SPRINGFIELD – Making sure our brave men and women have jobs when they leave the service that was the goal of a special briefing at the 178th Fighter Wing in Springfield.

Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, R-Ohio, toured the facility Wednesday. She then spoke about Governor Kasich's employment and education initiatives for veterans and active military members.

“The governor has proposed making it easier for you to take the training and the experience that you have in the military and apply that to college credits,” said Taylor.

The governor is also proposing making it easier for medical and other technical certifications like a CDL in the military to transfer to civilian life.

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