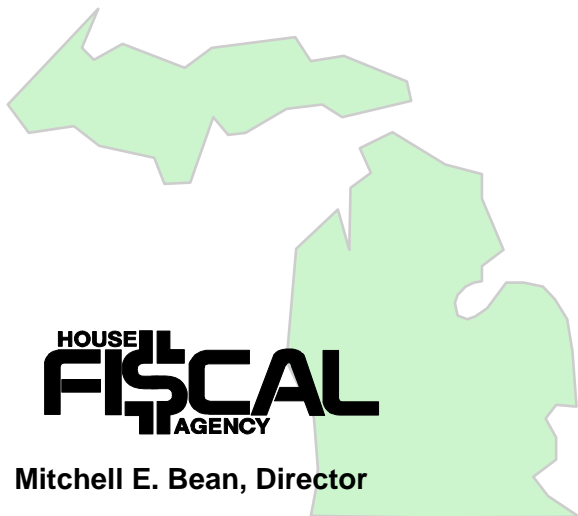


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TO: Members of the Michigan House of Representatives

The House Fiscal Agency has prepared a **Line Item Summary** for each of the FY 2006-07 appropriation acts. Each **Summary** contains line-by-line detail, including the amount and purpose of each appropriation line and information regarding related boilerplate sections, for a specific appropriation act. Following the line item detail, a brief explanation of each boilerplate section in the appropriation bill is provided.

In this report, line item vetoes are presented in the following manner: appropriation amounts shown in ~~strikeout~~ are those that appear in the enrolled bill; amounts shown directly below ~~strikeout~~ amounts reflect the effect of the veto.

Line Item Summaries are available on the HFA website (www.house.mi.gov/hfa), or from Jeanne Dee, Administrative Assistant (373-8080 or jdee@house.mi.gov).

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GLOSSARY: State Budget Terms

STATE BUDGET TERMS

Gross Appropriations (Gross): The total of all applicable appropriations (statutory spending authorizations) in a budget bill.

Adjusted Gross Appropriations (Adjusted Gross): The net amount of all gross appropriations after subtracting interdepartmental grants (IDGs) and intradepartmental transfers (IDTs).

Lapses: Appropriation amounts that are unspent/unobligated at the end of a fiscal year. Appropriations are automatically terminated at the end of a fiscal year unless otherwise provided by law.

Work Project: A statutorily-authorized account which allows a spending authorization to be carried over from one fiscal year to a succeeding fiscal year or years— i.e., allows funds to be spent over a period of years.

APPROPRIATION BILL TERMS

Line Item: Specific funding amount in an appropriation bill which establishes spending authorization for a particular program or function (may be for a single purpose or for multiple purposes).

Boilerplate: Specific language sections in an appropriation bill which direct, limit or restrict line item expenditures, express legislative intent, and/or require reports.

REVENUE SOURCES

General Fund/General Purpose (GF/GP): Unrestricted General Fund revenue available to fund any activity accounted for in the General Fund; unused GF/GP revenue lapses to the General Fund at the end of a fiscal year.

State Restricted (Restricted): State revenue restricted by state law or outside restriction that is available only for specified purposes; at year-end, unused restricted revenue remains in the restricted fund.

Federal Revenue: Federal grant or matchable revenue dedicated to specific programs.

Local Revenue: Revenue from local units of government.

Private Revenue: Revenue from non-government entities: rents, royalties or interest payments, payments from hospitals or individuals, and gifts and bequests.

Interdepartmental Grant (IDG): Revenue or funds received by one state department from another state department (usually for a service provided by the receiving department).

Intradepartmental Transfer (IDT): Transfers or funds being provided from one appropriation unit to another in the same department.

MAJOR STATE FUNDS

Budget Stabilization Fund (BSF): The countercyclical economic and budget stabilization fund; also known as the "rainy day" fund.

School Aid Fund (SAF): A restricted fund; the primary funding source for K-12 schools and Intermediate School Districts (ISDs).

General Fund: The General Fund (funded from taxes and other general revenue) is used to account for the ordinary operations of a governmental unit that are not accounted for in another fund.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) has two primary missions. The first is to execute duties as specified by state statute and the Governor, including oversight of the state's veterans programs, state veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette, grants to veterans service organizations, and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

The Department's second mission is to ensure preparedness of the Michigan National Guard to protect the lives and property of Michigan citizens during times of natural disaster, preserve the peace, order, and public safety at the direction of the Governor, and assist the federal government in defending the sovereign interests of the United States when they are threatened or violated.

Full-time equated unclassified positions	7.0	Total full-time equated (FTE) positions not in the state classified service.
Full-time equated classified positions	1,015.0	Total full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$122,902,600	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Total interdepartmental grants/intrdepartmental transfers	1,664,600	Total of all funds received from other departments and transfer of funds.
ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$121,238,000	Total net amount of all line item gross appropriations less (or minus) interdepartmental grants (IDGs) and intradepartmental transfers (IDTs).
Total federal revenue	51,450,700	Total federal grant or matchable revenue.
Total local revenue	1,253,100	Total revenue from local units of government.
Total private revenue	1,441,300	Total private grant revenue.
Total state restricted revenue	26,452,700	State revenue dedicated to a specific fund (other than the General Fund); or revenue earmarked for a specific purpose.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$40,640,200	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 102: HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES

This appropriation unit includes funding for the basic administrative functions of the Michigan National Guard, the salaries of the Department's unclassified employees, the Challenge Program, and several smaller funding items overseen by the Department.

Full-time equated unclassified positions	7.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions not in the state classified service.
Full-time equated classified positions	124.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
Headquarters and armories – 83.5 FTE positions	\$10,178,900	Administer Michigan National Guard; manage personnel, facilities, and state/federal financial resources; includes physical operations of 43 National Guard armories. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): Federal 2,717,900 Restricted 350,000 GF/GP 7,111,000 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 213, 301</i>		
Human resources optimization user charge	60,900	Human Resources Service Center housed at Department of Civil Service. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): GF/GP 60,900 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Unclassified military personnel	660,300	Salaries of Director (Adjutant General of Michigan), Deputy Director for Army National Guard, Deputy Director for Air National Guard, Deputy Director for Veterans Affairs, Legislative Liaison, and Public Information Officer; an additional unclassified position is authorized to be filled at Director's discretion. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): GF/GP 660,300 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Military appeals tribunal	900	Per diem payments and administrative costs of Military Appeals Tribunal (five members appointed by Governor) which has appellate jurisdiction over court martial decisions under Michigan Code of Military Justice. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): GF/GP 900 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
Michigan emergency volunteers	5,000	Operation supplies for statutory organization of military personnel that would be activated if Michigan National Guard was mobilized for service during a national emergency. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): GF/GP 5,000 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
State active duty	85,100	Authorizes Adjutant General to call up military personnel to state duty to perform unique administrative or maintenance functions. <div style="text-align: right;"> Funding Source(s): Restricted 55,000 GF/GP 30,100 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		

Challenge program – 40.5 FTE positions	4,583,900	Voluntary boot camp-style program for 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts run by DMVA in Battle Creek; two 22-week residential programs per calendar year, followed by 12-month post-residential mentoring phase for graduates; funded 60% federal/40% state; FY 2006-07 budget appropriates about 20% of state share from private funds.
		Funding Source(s):
		IDG 664,600
		Federal 1,764,900
		Private 901,300
		Local 1,253,100
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 302, 304</i>
Homeland security	1,000,000	Activities related to Homeland Security program.
		Funding Source(s): IDG 1,000,000
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Military family relief fund	600,000	Assist military families with emergency grants; revenue from state income tax check-off box.
		Funding Source(s): Restricted 600,000
		<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$17,175,000	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
IDG – community health	100,000	Federal grant for Homeland Security program activities through Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH).
IDG – challenge grant	253,800	Federal grant for Challenge Program through DCH.
IDG – state police	900,000	Federal grant for Homeland Security program activities through Michigan Department of State Police.
IDG – human services	410,800	Federal grant for Challenge Program through Michigan Department of Human Services.
DOD-DOA-NGB	4,482,800	From National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of Army (DOA), U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
Rental fees	350,000	From armory rental (section 354 of Michigan Military Act).
Mackinac Bridge authority	55,000	Reimburse pay/expenses of National Guard members who provide security for annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk.
Private donations	800,100	From private individuals or organizations to Challenge Program.
Military family relief fund	600,000	From state income tax check-off box to assist military families with emergency grant funds.
Local – school aid fund	1,253,100	From local school districts receiving school aid funds for the Challenge Program.
Parent pay revenue	101,200	From payments made by parents whose children attend the Challenge Program.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$7,868,200	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 103: MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

This appropriation unit provides for administration of the five National Guard training sites in the state: Camp Grayling, Fort Custer, Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. This unit also funds operations of various logistical support facilities in the state.

Total full-time equated classified positions	200.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
Military training sites and support facilities – 200.0 FTE positions	\$20,627,800	Operate and maintain major training and support facilities for Michigan Army and Air National Guard; logistical support facilities are funded by U.S. Department of Defense funds (75%) and GF/GP (25%); includes \$1.1 million GF/GP for National Guard Educational Assistance Program. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Funding Source(s): Federal 18,011,000 GF/GP 2,616,800 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 212</i>		
Military training sites and support facilities test projects	100,000	Costs associated with equipment testing by defense-related companies at state military facilities, primarily Camp Grayling. <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> Funding Source(s): Restricted 100,000 </div>
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>		
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$20,727,800	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
DOD-DOA-NGB	18,011,000	From National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of Army (DOA), U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
Test project fees	100,000	Paid by private companies to test equipment at state military facilities.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$2,616,800	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 104: DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS

This appropriation unit includes funds for expenses incurred throughout the Department, special maintenance at National Guard facilities in the state, statutorily-required payments, and two federally-funded programs.

Departmentwide accounts	\$1,660,100	Travel, equipment, worker's compensation, vehicle liability insurance, rent, training, and safety supplies.	
		Funding Source(s):	Federal 1,266,100 GF/GP 394,000

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

Special maintenance – state	151,200	Large repairs and structural maintenance not funded with regular maintenance funds at National Guard facilities; supplements special maintenance in Capital Outlay budget.	
		Funding Source(s):	GF/GP 151,200

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

Special maintenance – federal	5,300,000	Large repairs and structural maintenance not funded with regular maintenance funds at National Guard facilities; supplements special maintenance in Capital Outlay budget.	
		Funding Source(s):	Federal 5,300,000

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

Military retirement	2,973,800	Annual payments of \$600 to retired Michigan National Guard personnel and \$500 to surviving spouses of such retirees (1967 PA 150); retirement costs of retired full-time special duty officers.	
		Funding Source(s):	GF/GP 2,973,800

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

Counternarcotic operations	50,000	Counter the flow of illegal drugs in Michigan (helicopters to assist in locating marijuana and U.S. Customs Agency support at Port Huron and Detroit border entry points); coordinated with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.	
		Funding Source(s):	Federal 50,000

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

Starbase grant	900,000	Program to expose disadvantaged 6th- to 12th-grade students to real-world math and science applications; located at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.	
		Funding Source(s):	Federal 900,000

Related Boilerplate Section(s): None

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$11,035,100	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.	
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DOD-DOA-NGB	7,466,100	From National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of Army (DOA), U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).	
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Federal counternarcotic revenue	50,000	From federal agencies in conjunction with counternarcotic assistance provided by National Guard.	
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GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$3,519,000	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.	
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SECTION 105: VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Veterans service organizations (VSOs) assist veterans with obtaining benefits—primarily from the U.S. Department of Veterans.

American legion	\$886,000	Grant to American Legion. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	886,000
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Disabled American veterans	732,400	Grant to Disabled American Veterans. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	732,400
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Marine corps league	336,300	Grant to Marine Corps League. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	336,300
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
American veterans of World War II and Korea	464,800	Grant to AMVETS. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	464,800
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Veterans of foreign wars	886,000	Grant to Veterans of Foreign Wars. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	886,000
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Michigan paralyzed veterans of America	165,700	Grant to Paralyzed Veterans of America. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	165,700
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Purple heart	157,900	Grant to Military Order of the Purple Heart. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	157,900
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Veterans of World War I	100	Placeholder appropriation for Veterans of World War I. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	100
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Polish legion of American veterans	41,200	Grant to Polish Legion of American Veterans. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	41,200
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
Jewish veterans of America	41,200	Grant to Jewish War Veterans. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	41,200
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
State of Michigan council Vietnam veterans of America	159,500	Grant to Vietnam Veterans of America. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	159,500
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				

Catholic war veterans	41,200	Grant to Catholic War Veterans. Funding Source(s):	GF/GP	41,200
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 501</i>				
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$3,912,300	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.		
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$3,912,300	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.		

SECTION 106: GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME

The Grand Rapids Veterans' Home was established by 1885 PA 152 to provide care for aged and disabled veterans. Later amendments to statute extended admission eligibility to widows, widowers, spouses, former spouses, and parents of state veterans. The home provides three levels of care: domiciliary, nursing, and special needs. The facility is governed by a Board of Managers (with oversight of both state veterans homes) consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor.

Full-time equated classified positions	517.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
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Grand Rapids veterans' home – 517.0 FTE positions	\$47,479,300	Operate 755-bed Grand Rapids Veterans' Home.	
		Funding Source(s):	
		Federal	16,018,200
		Restricted	14,841,400
		GF/GP	16,619,700

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 601, 602

Board of managers	665,000	Facility improvements and other purposes benefiting home's residents, as directed by Board of Managers.	
		Funding Source(s):	
		Private	415,000
		Restricted	250,000

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 603

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$48,144,300	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
DVA-VHA	14,836,400	Per diem payments from Veterans Health Administration (VHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), based on number and level of care of eligible veterans at the home.
HHS, Medicaid	398,500	From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through Medicaid reimbursement payments.
HHS, Medicare	783,300	From HHS through Medicare reimbursement payments.
Private – veterans' home post and posthumous funds	415,000	Specified funds receive money from private donations and estates of residents.
Income and assessments	14,806,400	Received from residents based on ability to pay.
Military family relief fund	250,000	Revenue from state income tax check-off box to assist military families with emergency grant funds.
Lease revenue	35,000	From a third-party company that performs physical therapy services at the home.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$16,619,700	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 107: D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME

The D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Home in Marquette was established in 1981 to provide care to aged and disabled veterans in the Upper Peninsula. Admission eligibility is also extended to widows, widowers, spouses, former spouses, and parents of state veterans. The home provides three levels of care: domiciliary, nursing, and special needs. The facility is governed by a Board of Managers (with oversight of both state veterans homes) consisting of seven members who are appointed by the Governor.

Full-time equated classified positions	159.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.	
D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home – 159.0 FTE positions	\$15,215,600	Operate 241-bed D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Home.	
		Funding Source(s):	Federal 4,993,900 Restricted 4,840,400 GF/GP 5,381,300
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 601, 602</i>			
Board of managers	275,000	Facility improvements and other purposes benefiting the home's residents, as directed by Board of Managers.	
		Funding Source(s):	Private 125,000 Restricted 150,000
<i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 603</i>			
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$15,490,600	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.	
DVA-VHA	4,512,300	Per diem payments from Veterans Health Administration (VHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), based on number and level of care of eligible veterans.	
HHS, Medicaid	92,900	From U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through Medicaid reimbursement payments.	
HHS, Medicare	388,700	From HHS through Medicare reimbursement payments.	
Private – veterans' home post and posthumous funds	125,000	Specified funds receive money from private donations and estates of residents.	
Military family relief fund	150,000	Revenue from state income tax check-off box to assist military families with emergency grant funds.	
Income and assessments	4,840,400	Received from residents based on ability to pay.	
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$5,381,300	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.	

SECTION 108: VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE

In 1997, the Department was reorganized to place greater emphasis on the various veterans' programs it oversees. As part of this reorganization, Veterans' Affairs Directorate was established to oversee these responsibilities in a coordinated manner.

Public Act 9 of 1946 established the \$50.0 million Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund. The majority of the earnings from the trust fund are used for the Emergency Grant Program, which provides grants to veterans in temporary financial difficulty. The fund is overseen by a board of seven members appointed by the Governor. The State Constitution was amended in 1996 to require approval of the trust fund board for any expenditures or transfers from the fund.

Full-time equated classified positions	16.0	Full-time equated (FTE) positions in the state classified service.
Veterans' affairs directorate administration – 3.0 FTE positions	\$326,000	Operations; includes \$50,000 for county veterans counselor training. Funding Source(s): GF/GP 326,000 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 704</i>
Veterans' trust fund administration – 13.0 FTE positions	1,183,300	State-level administrative costs of Emergency Grant Program funded by Veterans Trust Fund. Funding Source(s): Restricted 1,183,300 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): None</i>
Veterans' trust fund grants	3,746,500	Emergency Grant Programs includes administrative costs of county committees that distribute emergency grants. Funding Source(s): Restricted 3,746,500 <i>Related Boilerplate Section(s): 703, 705</i>
GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$5,255,800	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
Michigan veterans' trust fund	4,929,800	Investment earnings from the principal of the trust fund.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$326,000	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

SECTION 109: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Information Technology (DIT) is responsible for managing the state's information technology resources. This appropriation unit consolidates funds associated with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' information technology functions, to be passed through to DIT.

Information technology services and projects	\$1,161,700	Information technology services and projects provided by DIT.
		Funding Source(s):
		Federal
		Restricted
		GF/GP
		428,700
		336,100
		396,900

Related Boilerplate Section(s): 221, 223

GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$1,161,700	Total of all applicable line item appropriations.
DOD-DOA-NGB	113,000	From National Guard Bureau (NGB), Department of Army (DOA), U.S. Department of Defense (DOD).
DVA-VHA	306,800	Per diem payments from Veterans Health Administration (VHA), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), based on number and level of care of eligible veterans at state's veterans homes.
HHS, Medicare	8,900	Received by the two veterans homes from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through Medicare reimbursement payments.
Income and assessments	336,100	From state veterans home residents based on ability to pay.
GENERAL FUND/ GENERAL PURPOSE	\$396,900	The state's primary operating fund; the portion of the state's General Fund that does not include restricted revenue.

BOILERPLATE SECTION INFORMATION

Sec. 201. Payments to Locals

Itemizes payments to locals from funds appropriated.

Sec. 202. Management and Budget Act

Subjects appropriations to Management and Budget Act.

Sec. 203. Terms and Acronyms

Defines various terms and acronyms used in act.

Sec. 204. Department of Civil Service 1% Charge

Provides for payment of constitutionally-authorized 1% charge to Department of Civil Service.

Sec. 205. State Classified Service Hiring Freeze

Imposes hiring freeze on state classified civil service; exempts internal transfers and provides for other exceptions.

Sec. 207. Privatization Plans

Requires submission of project plan to Legislature 60 days before beginning any effort to privatize.

Sec. 208. Reporting Via Internet

Directs Department to use Internet for reporting requirements.

Sec. 209. American Goods and Services

Prohibits purchase of foreign goods and services if comparably priced American goods and services are available.

Sec. 210. Deprived and Depressed Communities

Requires reasonable steps be taken to ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for and perform state contracts.

Sec. 211. Records Retention

Directs Department to follow federal guidelines and state laws regarding retention of records.

Sec. 212. National Guard Education Assistance Program

Sets expenditure limit of \$1.1 million for program; allows 50% tuition reimbursement for National Guard members up to \$2,000 per year; requires program administration by Department; authorizes expenditures for program promotion and recruitment efforts.

Sec. 213. Armory Closure or Consolidation

Requires Department to consult with appropriations subcommittees regarding projected closing or consolidation of any National Guard armories.

Sec. 214. Military Cemeteries

States legislative intent that if necessary legislation is enacted and funds become available, funds be appropriated for state military cemeteries in Crawford and Dickinson Counties.

Sec. 221. Information Technology (IT) User Fees

Directs Department to pay user fees to DIT subject to an interagency agreement.

Sec. 223. IT Work Projects

Allows appropriation for IT to be designated as work project.

Sec. 225. Out of State Travel Limitations

Prohibits out-of-state travel except when certain conditions apply.

Sec. 226. Disciplinary Action Against Department Employees

Prohibits disciplinary action against Department employees for communicating with the Legislature.

Sec. 227. Intention to Sell Department Property

Requires 60 days notification to appropriations subcommittees and fiscal agencies before sale of Department property.

Sec. 301. Armory Rental Fee

Allows Department to charge a reasonable fee for rental of an armory.

Sec. 302. Challenge Program Revenue Sources

Stipulates that private donations to Challenge Program are not lapsed to General Fund at close of fiscal year; encourages Department to identify alternative sources of revenue to replace GF/GP; allows Department to charge fee for program participants from families with incomes that exceed 200% of federal poverty guidelines.

Sec. 304. Challenge Program Partnership With Department of Human Services (DHS)

Directs Department to partner with DHS to identify youth for Challenge Program; grants such youth priority for enrollment in program.

Sec. 501. Grant to Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs)

Restricts use of grant funds to costs related to accredited veterans service advocacy officers and support and managerial staff; specifies requirements for receipt of grant funds by VSOs; sets requirements for grant to a newly-founded VSO; requires an accounting of expenditures, budget request, and other information be submitted by each VSO to Department and Legislature; requires VSOs to work with Department to maximize amount of federal benefits available to veterans and to increase services to veterans.

Sec. 601. Veterans and Veterans' Families

Prohibits use of veterans homes appropriations for any purpose other than veterans and veterans' families.

Sec. 602. Veterans Homes Annual Report

Requires annual report containing specified information regarding the two veterans homes.

Sec. 603. Board of Managers Appropriation

Allows appropriation for Board of Managers of veterans homes to be expended for facility improvements at the homes and other purposes benefiting veterans.

Sec. 703. Veterans' Trust Fund Annual Report

Requires annual report on emergency grants provided from Veterans' Trust Fund and other fund-related information.

Sec. 704. County Veterans Counselor Training

Directs Veterans Affairs Directorate to assist county veterans counselors in obtaining training.

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