MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS **HB 5885**





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| | FY 2009-10 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2010-11 | FY 2010-11 | Difference: Conference Committee from 2/11/10 | |
|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|--|--------|
| _ | as of 2/11/10 | Executive | House Passed | Senate Passed | Conference Committee | Amount | % |
| IDG/IDT | \$1,686,500 | \$1,154,700 | \$1,154,700 | \$1,152,900 | \$1,152,900 | (\$533,600) | (31.6) |
| Federal | 77,347,300 | 82,203,800 | 82,203,800 | 82,203,800 | 82,203,800 | 4,856,500 | 6.3 |
| Local | 1,295,100 | 653,200 | 1,295,100 | 645,400 | 645,400 | (649,700) | (50.2) |
| Private | 1,471,200 | 1,422,200 | 1,422,200 | 1,382,700 | 1,382,700 | (88,500) | (6.0) |
| Restricted | 27,924,200 | 28,660,400 | 28,660,400 | 28,233,400 | 28,233,400 | 309,200 | 1.1 |
| GF/GP | 36,425,500 | 36,951,100 | 35,413,300 | 36,432,900 | 36,424,700 | (800) | (0.0) |
| Gross | \$146,149,800 | \$151,045,400 | \$150,149,500 | \$150,051,100 | \$150,042,900 | \$3,893,100 | 2.7 |
| FTEs | 992.0 | 977.0 | 977.0 | 977.0 | 977.0 | (15.0) | (1.5) |

Note: FY 2009-10 appropriation figures do not reflect the impact of executive order, supplemental, or transfer adjustments made after the release of the FY 2010-11 Executive Budget on February 11.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is responsible for the training and administration of Army and Air National Guard forces, providing combat-ready military forces during times of national emergency, and performing civil relief operations under the command of the Governor during state emergencies. The Department's budget includes administrative and maintenance costs associated with these responsibilities as well as National Guard-related programs such as the Challenge Program. The Department has oversight over the following veterans-related programs: state-licensed nursing care at veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette, grant funding to veterans service organizations, and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

| Major Budget Changes From FY 2009-10 Appropriations | | FY 2009-10 (as of 2/11/10) | Conference Committee Change |
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| 1. Headquarters and Armories Administrative Reduction Exec. Rec. maintains current year funding. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. but also decreases \$8,200 GF/GP as an administrative reduction. | Gross | \$10,959,700 | (\$8,200) |
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| 2. Capital Outlay - Land Acquisitions and Appraisals Exec. Rec. increases \$500,000 in restricted funds for land acquisition at Camp Grayling. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross | \$15,000,000 | \$500,000 |
| | Federal | 15,000,000 | 0 |
| | Restricted | \$0 | \$500,000 |
| 3. Military Retirement Cost-of-Living Increase Exec. Rec. provides \$176,300 GF/GP for a federally- mandated cost-of-living increase. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross | \$3,407,800 | \$176,300 |
| | GF/GP | \$3,407,800 | \$176,300 |
| 4. Special Maintenance - State Exec. Rec. eliminates the Special Maintenance - State line, which provides \$651,200 GF/GP in FY 2009-10 for state armory maintenance. Conference Committee retains this line with \$500,000 GF/GP from the Grand Rapids Veterans' Home and \$151,200 GF/GP from Information Technology Services and Projects. | Gross | \$651,200 | \$0 |
| | GF/GP | \$651,200 | \$0 |
| 5. Military Training Sites and Support Facilities Exec. Rec. decreases \$84,000 GF/GP in the Departmentwide Accounts line for various administrative reductions. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross Federal Restricted GF/GP | \$1,946,500 1,666,100 \$280,400 | (\$84,000) 0 0 (\$84,000) |

| Major Budget Changes From FY 2009-10 Appropriations | | FY 2009-10 (as of 2/11/10) | Conference Committee Change |
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| 6. Veterans Advice, Advocacy, and Assistance Exec. Rec. maintains current year funding for the Veterans Service Organizations, but eliminates the individual VSO lines and places all funding in a new Veterans Advice, Advocacy, and Assistance Grants line. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross | \$3,029,600 | \$0 |
| | GF/GP | \$3,029,600 | \$0 |
| 7. Challenge Program Exec. Rec. decreases funding by \$596,900 (increase of \$625,800 in federal funds, decrease of \$531,800 in IDG funds, decrease of \$49,000 in private funds, and decrease of \$641,900 in Local - School Aid funds). Additional federal revenue allows the Challenge Program to continue operating with smaller classes of participants. Also decreases 15.0 FTEs. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | FTEs | 40.0 | (15.0) |
| | Gross | \$4,737,000 | (\$596,900) |
| | IDG | 686,500 | (531,800) |
| | Federal | 1,824,200 | 625,800 |
| | Local | 1,295,100 | (641,900) |
| | Private | \$931,200 | (\$49,000) |
| 8. Economic Adjustments Exec. Rec. provides funds for economic adjustments; includes economic adjustments for information technology. Conference Committee provides a 3% reduction for salary costs which will likely require additional revisions. | Gross IDG Federal Private Local Restricted GF/GP | NA NA NA NA NA NA | \$3,464,000 800 2,181,100 15,900 3,100 583,400 \$679,700 |
| 9. Grand Rapids Veterans' Home Exec. Rec. increases \$1.0 million in available federal funds. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. but also decreases \$500,000 GF/GP to retain the Special Maintenance - State line. | Gross | \$48,767,300 | \$500,000 |
| | Federal | 18,472,600 | 1,000,000 |
| | Restricted | 15,316,900 | 0 |
| | GF/GP | \$14,977,800 | (\$500,000) |
| 10. D.J. Jacobetti Veterans' Home Exec. Rec. increases \$1,050,000 in available federal funds and decreases \$750,000 in restricted funds. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross | \$15,656,100 | \$300,000 |
| | Federal | 5,177,100 | 1,050,000 |
| | Restricted | 5,741,100 | (750,000) |
| | GF/GP | \$4,737,900 | \$0 |
| 11. Veterans' Affairs Directorate Exec. Rec. decreases \$83,000 GF/GP in administrative reductions in the Veterans' Affairs Directorate Administration line. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. | Gross | \$276,700 | (\$83,000) |
| | GF/GP | \$276,700 | (\$83,000) |
| 12. Information Technology Exec. Rec. decreases \$400 in federal funds, \$400 in restricted funds, and \$400 GF/GP for Department of Technology, Management, and Budget consolidation savings and decreases \$30,000 GF/GP in administrative reductions. Conference Committee concurs with the Exec. Rec. and transfers \$151,200 GF/GP to the Special Maintenance - State line. | Gross Federal Restricted GF/GP | \$1,154,300 472,900 351,800 \$329,600 | (\$182,400) (400) (400) (\$181,600) |

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2009-10

Sec. 501. Veterans Service Organizations – MODIFIED

Exec. Rec. deletes sections detailing how grant funds are to be distributed to the VSOs; deletes reporting requirement for efforts to provide more effective and efficient veterans' services. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec. to delete a subsection regarding the grant distributions to the individual VSOs but retains all remaining current language.

Sec. 606. Grand Rapids Veterans' Home Feasibility Study – DELETED

Exec. Rec. deletes requirement for the Department to prepare a feasibility study for increasing operational efficiencies. Conference Committee concurs with Exec. Rec.