

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 187

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the amounts listed in this part for the department of military and veterans affairs are appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014 from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

| | | | |
|----|--|------------|----------------|
| 1 | Full-time equated unclassified positions..... | 9.0 | |
| 2 | Full-time equated classified positions..... | 871.0 | |
| 3 | GROSS APPROPRIATION..... | | \$ 162,608,000 |
| 4 | Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental | | |
| 5 | transfers | | 650,000 |
| 6 | Schedule of interdepartmental grant revenue sources: | | |
| 7 | IDG, state police | 650,000 | |
| 8 | ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION..... | | \$ 161,958,000 |
| 9 | Total federal revenues..... | | 89,782,700 |
| 10 | Schedule of federal revenue sources: | | |
| 11 | DOD-DOA-NGB | 59,893,200 | |
| 12 | DVA-VHA | 26,817,000 | |
| 13 | HHS-HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance..... | 2,934,900 | |
| 14 | HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid..... | 87,600 | |
| 15 | Federal counter narcotic revenue..... | 50,000 | |
| 16 | Total local revenues..... | | 1,500,000 |
| 17 | Schedule of local revenue sources: | | |
| 18 | Local - school aid fund | 1,500,000 | |
| 19 | Total private revenues..... | | 740,000 |
| 20 | Schedule of private revenue sources: | | |
| 21 | Private - veterans' home post and posthumous | | |
| 22 | funds | 540,000 | |
| 23 | Private donations | 200,000 | |
| 24 | Total other state restricted revenues..... | | 27,554,000 |
| 25 | Schedule of restricted revenue sources: | | |
| 26 | Rental fees | 346,400 | |
| 27 | Mackinac Bridge authority | 70,000 | |

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|----|---|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Test project fees | 100,000 | |
| 2 | Income and assessments | 19,832,100 | |
| 3 | Lease revenue | 12,200 | |
| 4 | Michigan veterans trust fund | 5,193,300 | |
| 5 | Michigan national guard construction fund.. | 1,000,000 | |
| 6 | Military family relief fund | 1,000,000 | |
| 7 | State general fund/general purpose..... | \$ | 42,381,300 |
| 8 | State general fund/general purpose schedule: | | |
| 9 | Ongoing state general fund/general | | |
| 10 | purpose | 38,381,300 | |
| 11 | One-time state general fund/general | | |
| 12 | purpose | 4,000,000 | |
| 13 | Sec. 102. MILITARY | | |
| 14 | Full-time equated unclassified positions..... | 9.0 | |
| 15 | Full-time equated classified positions..... | 324.0 | |
| 16 | Unclassified positions..... | \$ | 1,336,700 |
| 17 | Military..... | | <u>56,732,300</u> |
| 18 | GROSS APPROPRIATION..... | \$ | 58,069,000 |
| 19 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 20 | Interdepartmental grant revenues..... | | 650,000 |
| 21 | Federal revenues..... | | 43,051,200 |
| 22 | Local revenues..... | | 1,500,000 |
| 23 | Private revenues..... | | 200,000 |
| 24 | State restricted revenues..... | | 1,517,800 |
| 25 | State general fund/general purpose..... | \$ | 11,150,000 |
| 26 | Schedule of programs: | | |
| 27 | Armories and joint force readiness..... | 14,476,300 | |

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|----|---|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Maintenance and operations of national | | |
| 2 | guard training facilities and air bases . | 31,734,300 | |
| 3 | ChalleNGe program | 4,502,000 | |
| 4 | Military family relief fund | 600,000 | |
| 5 | Support services | 4,295,200 | |
| 6 | Information technology services and | | |
| 7 | projects | 1,124,500 | |
| 8 | Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY | | |
| 9 | Full-time equated classified positions..... | 547.0 | |
| 10 | Michigan veterans affairs agency..... | \$ | 13,114,900 |
| 11 | Homes..... | | <u>65,572,900</u> |
| 12 | GROSS APPROPRIATION..... | \$ | 78,687,800 |
| 13 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 14 | Federal revenues..... | | 29,431,500 |
| 15 | Private revenues..... | | 540,000 |
| 16 | State restricted revenues..... | | 25,036,200 |
| 17 | State general fund/general purpose..... | \$ | 23,680,100 |
| 18 | Schedule of programs: | | |
| 19 | Veterans affairs agency administration..... | 5,017,000 | |
| 20 | Veterans advice, advocacy and assistance | | |
| 21 | grants | 2,904,600 | |
| 22 | Veterans' trust fund administration..... | 1,446,800 | |
| 23 | Veterans' trust fund grants | 3,746,500 | |
| 24 | Grand Rapids veterans' home | 46,097,900 | |
| 25 | Board of managers (Grand Rapids home)..... | 665,000 | |
| 26 | D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home..... | 18,535,000 | |
| 27 | Board of managers (Jacobetti home)..... | 275,000 | |

1 **Sec. 104. CAPITAL OUTLAY**

| | | | |
|---|---|----|------------------|
| 2 | Special maintenance - headquarters and armories | \$ | 20,351,200 |
| 3 | Special maintenance - veterans' homes | | 500,000 |
| 4 | Land acquisitions and appraisals | | <u>1,000,000</u> |
| 5 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | \$ | 21,851,200 |
| 6 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 7 | Federal revenues | | 17,300,000 |
| 8 | State restricted revenues | | 1,000,000 |
| 9 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 3,551,200 |

10 **Sec. 105. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

| | | | |
|----|--|----|------------------|
| 11 | Veterans service delivery initiative | \$ | <u>4,000,000</u> |
| 12 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | \$ | 4,000,000 |
| 13 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 14 | State general fund/ general purpose | \$ | 4,000,000 |

15 PART 2

16 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

17 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

18 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

19 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state
 20 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources
 21 under part 1 for fiscal year 2013-2014 is \$69,935,300.00 and state
 22 spending from state resources to be paid to local units of
 23 government for fiscal year 2013-2014 is \$120,000.00. The itemized
 24 statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to
 25 local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---------------|
| Military..... | \$ | 70,000 |
| Schedule of programs: | | |
| Payments in lieu of taxes..... | | 70,000 |
| Michigan veterans affairs agency..... | | 50,000 |
| Schedule of programs: | | |
| Executive agency..... | | <u>50,000</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ | 120,000 |

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this act are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this act:

(a) "Agency" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency.

(b) "Department" means the department of military and veterans affairs.

(c) "DOD" means the United States department of defense.

(d) "DOD-DOA-NGB" means the DOD department of the army, national guard bureau.

(e) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans affairs.

(f) "DVA-VHA" means the DVA veterans health administration.

(g) "FTE" means full-time equated.

(h) "HHS" means the United States department of health and human services.

(i) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

(j) "MCL" means Michigan Compiled Laws.

(k) "PA" means public act.

1 (l) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

2 (m) "Work project" means a group of activities featuring a
3 fixed duration, budget, and scope that is expected to cause a
4 measurable change in the delivery, efficiency, or effectiveness of
5 1 or more operations.

6 Sec. 204. The appropriations from part 1 for interdepartmental
7 grant funds received by the department from sources outside the
8 department consist of \$650,000.00 from the department of state
9 police.

10 Sec. 206. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
11 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for
12 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
13 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
14 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
15 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

16 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
17 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state
18 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
19 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
20 in this act under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
21 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

22 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
23 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local
24 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
25 until they have been transferred to another line item in this act
26 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
27 MCL 18.1393.

1 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
2 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private
3 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
4 until they have been transferred to another line item in this act
5 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
6 MCL 18.1393.

7 Sec. 207. The department shall provide the data necessary for
8 the department of technology, management, and budget to maintain a
9 searchable website that is accessible by the public at no cost that
10 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

11 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.

12 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.

13 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
14 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
15 payment description.

16 (d) The number of active department employees by job
17 classification.

18 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

19 Sec. 208. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
20 reporting requirements of this act. This requirement may include
21 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
22 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
23 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

24 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
25 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
26 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
27 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to

1 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
2 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
3 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
4 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
5 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
6 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

7 Sec. 210. The department shall take all reasonable steps to
8 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
9 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
10 director of the department shall strongly encourage firms with
11 which the department contracts to subcontract with certified
12 businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services,
13 supplies, or both.

14 Sec. 212. The department shall receive and retain copies of
15 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state
16 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall
17 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of
18 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

19 Sec. 215. The department shall not take disciplinary action
20 against an employee for communicating with a member of the
21 legislature or his or her staff.

22 Sec. 216. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act,
23 the schedule of programs in part 1 lists programs which may, but
24 are not required to be, funded under this act.

25 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the
26 schedule of revenue sources in part 1 may or may not be received
27 from the funding entities listed.

1 (3) Any funding required by statute is not subject to funding
2 flexibility and shall be funded in accordance with that statute.

3 Sec. 217. The department shall improve its budgetary
4 efficiency pertaining to the delivery of core services delineated
5 in section 222 by doing all of the following:

6 (a) Prioritizing personnel over buildings in budgetary
7 efficiency considerations.

8 (b) Pursuing the physical or virtual consolidation of support
9 service functions such as information technology, human resources,
10 and accounting as a means of improving standardization and
11 efficiency.

12 (c) Seeking expenditure reductions whenever possible through
13 the streamlining of existing service delivery activities.

14 (d) Identifying efficiencies that can be gained via the
15 reduction or elimination of programs, policies, and practices which
16 have outlived their usefulness.

17 Sec. 218. The department shall prepare a report on out-of-
18 state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The
19 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and
20 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
21 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
22 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
23 submitted to the house and senate standing committees on
24 appropriations, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state
25 budget director. The report shall include the following
26 information:

27 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

1 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
2 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
3 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
4 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
5 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

6 Sec. 219. (1) The department shall provide quarterly reports,
7 beginning October 1, to the senate and house appropriations
8 subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies, which
9 provide the following data:

10 (a) A list of all major work projects, including a status
11 report of each project.

12 (b) The department's financial status, featuring a report of
13 budgeted versus actual expenditures by part 1 line item including a
14 year-end projection of budget requirements. If projected department
15 budget requirements exceed the allocated budget, the report shall
16 include a plan to reduce overall expenses while still satisfying
17 specified service level requirements.

18 (c) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within
19 established appropriations, documented through the DTMB monthly
20 expenditure report as described in section 301(3) of this part.

21 (d) A list of projected armory closings.

22 (e) A list of property sales as described in section 223 of
23 this part.

24 (f) A report on the status of performance metrics cited in
25 this act.

26 (2) The department shall provide a corrective action plan
27 within 30 days of a quarterly report under this section for any

1 requirements of this part that have not been achieved. The
2 department shall provide a monthly status of corrective action
3 plans.

4 (3) The department shall provide a summary of fund shifts,
5 that have been approved by the state budget office, that have
6 occurred between items listed in the schedule of programs mentioned
7 in part 1 on a quarterly basis to the senate and house
8 appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and
9 veterans affairs, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

10 (4) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti veterans' homes shall
11 provide to the appropriate senate and house appropriations
12 subcommittees the results of the veterans' homes annual veterans'
13 affairs inspection and their corrective action plans.

14 Sec. 220. The department shall provide the following data to
15 the appropriate senate and house appropriations subcommittees and
16 the senate and house fiscal agencies on an annual basis:

17 (a) Using information received from the grant recipients in
18 section 401 of this part, a progress report on metric requirements,
19 copies of certified financial audits and tax reports of grant
20 recipients, a listing from grant recipients of expenditures by
21 spending category, including a listing of individual salaries of
22 each officer and administrative staff, a listing of volunteer hours
23 including the hours, series, and donations provided to residents of
24 the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans'
25 home. The department shall provide within the report a specific
26 notification whether any veterans grant recipients failed to comply
27 with established reporting requirements.

1 (b) The Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti
2 veterans' home shall produce a report including an accounting of
3 member populations and bed space available, a description and
4 accounting of services and activities provided to members,
5 financial information, and current state nursing home licensure
6 status.

7 (c) A detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund
8 that includes information on grants provided from the emergency
9 grant program, including details concerning the methodology of
10 allocations, the selection of emergency grant program authorized
11 agents, and a detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for
12 that year. The report shall also provide an update on the
13 department's efforts to reduce program administrative costs and
14 maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its original
15 amount of at least \$50,000,000.00.

16 Sec. 222. The appropriations in part 1 are for the core
17 services, support services, and work projects of the department,
18 including, but not limited to, the following core services:
19 armories and joint forces readiness, maintenance and operation of
20 army national guard training facilities and air bases, veterans
21 affairs agency, administration of the veterans trust fund,
22 administration and oversight of veterans advice, advocacy, and
23 assistance grants, training support for county veterans counselors,
24 administration of the military family relief fund, the Michigan
25 youth challenge academy program, and the administration of the
26 Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

27 Sec. 223. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the

1 intention to sell any department property, the department shall
2 submit notification of that intent to the appropriate senate and
3 house appropriations subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal
4 agencies.

5 Sec. 225. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by
6 the department to hire a person to provide legal services that are
7 the responsibility of the attorney general. This prohibition does
8 not apply to legal services for bonding activities and for those
9 activities that the attorney general authorizes.

10 Sec. 226. The department shall seek partnerships with United
11 States armed forces reserve units for the colocation of activities,
12 including sharing in the acquisition and costs for facilities.

13 Sec. 227. Bids for contract services shall not exclude public
14 employee unions from the bid process.

15 Sec. 228. Not later than November 15, the department shall
16 prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of the
17 total general fund/general purpose appropriations lapses at the
18 close of the fiscal year. This report shall summarize the projected
19 year-end general fund/general purpose appropriations lapses by
20 major departmental program or program areas. The report shall be
21 transmitted to the office of the state budget, the chairpersons of
22 the senate and house standing committees on appropriations, the
23 senate and house appropriations subcommittees, and the senate and
24 house fiscal agencies.

25 Sec. 229. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
26 budget recommendation, the department shall provide the state
27 budget director, the senate and house appropriations chairs, the

1 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police and
2 military and veterans affairs, and the senate and house fiscal
3 agencies with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund
4 balances, state restricted fund projected revenues, and state
5 restricted fund expenditures for the fiscal years ending September
6 30, 2013 and September 30, 2014.

7 Sec. 230. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
8 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
9 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
10 improve the agency's performance.

11 **MILITARY**

12 Sec. 300. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
13 funding to support unclassified employee positions as authorized by
14 section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. These
15 positions include the following: department director, the adjutant
16 general for Michigan; assistant adjutant general - army; assistant
17 adjutant general - installations; assistant adjutant general - air;
18 director, veterans affairs directorate; deputy director,
19 installations command; director, strategy and policy; director,
20 public safety project; and director, Michigan veterans affairs
21 agency.

22 (2) Not less than 30 days prior to the department submitting a
23 request for an additional unclassified employee position from the
24 civil service commission, or for any substantive change to the
25 duties of an existing unclassified employee position, the
26 department shall notify the senate and house appropriations

1 subcommittees on state police and military affairs and the senate
2 and house fiscal agencies.

3 Sec. 301. (1) The department shall provide administrative
4 support for department operations.

5 (2) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources
6 necessary to ensure proper accountability of state funds.

7 (3) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources
8 necessary to adhere to the state of Michigan financial management
9 guide for accounting, contracting, purchasing, budgeting, and
10 financial reporting and the administrative guide to state
11 government.

12 (4) The department shall ensure fiscal controls relating to
13 procurement of goods and services and other expenditures.

14 Sec. 302. (1) The department shall operate and maintain
15 national guard armories.

16 (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to ensure
17 that armories are maintained in accordance with army regulations.

18 (3) The department shall evaluate armories for consolidation,
19 energy, and utility efficiency and identify work projects that
20 would improve this efficiency and submit a quarterly report on the
21 status and activities of the armories as provided in section 219.

22 (4) The department shall establish a system that measures the
23 condition and adequacy of armory facilities using both quality and
24 functionality criteria based off the installation status report-
25 infrastructure inspections that are conducted annually as a
26 requirement set forth by the national guard.

27 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall operate and maintain army

1 national guard training facilities, including Fort Custer and Camp
2 Grayling.

3 (2) The department shall maintain a system that measures the
4 condition and adequacy of air facilities using both quality and
5 functionality criteria.

6 (3) The department shall operate and maintain air national
7 guard air bases, including Selfridge air national guard base,
8 Battle Creek air national guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
9 training center.

10 Sec. 306. The department shall provide army and air national
11 guard forces, when directed, for state and local emergencies and in
12 support of national military requirements.

13 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
14 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-
15 discipline instruction for at-risk youth.

16 (2) The department shall provide the staffing and resources
17 necessary to train 144 cadets simultaneously at the Michigan youth
18 challenge academy.

19 (3) The department shall ensure that the average grade level
20 increase for Michigan youth challenge academy graduates is 2 years
21 as measured with the test adult basic education (TABE) metrics.

22 Sec. 308. (1) The department shall provide grants for
23 disbursement from the military family relief fund.

24 (2) The department shall provide quarterly reports to the
25 senate and house appropriations subcommittees quarterly of the fund
26 balance of the Michigan military family relief fund management.

27 (3) The department shall provide for the applications received

1 for assistance under the Michigan military family relief fund
2 management and report to the senate and house appropriations
3 subcommittees quarterly.

4 (4) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other
5 resources to support the processing and approval of at least 60
6 grant applications for fiscal year 2013-2014 under the Michigan
7 military relief fund and report those applications at quarterly
8 senate and house appropriations subcommittee hearings.

9 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

10 Sec. 401. (1) The Michigan veterans affairs agency shall
11 provide outreach services to Michigan veterans that advise them on
12 the benefits to which they are entitled.

13 (2) The agency shall provide the percentage of Michigan
14 veterans contacted with a goal of 35% and report upon those
15 outreach findings at quarterly legislative hearings to the senate
16 and house appropriations subcommittees.

17 (3) The agency shall maintain the staffing partnerships and
18 other resources necessary to develop and operate an outreach
19 program that will communicate benefit eligibility information to
20 75% of the Michigan veterans population as determined by most
21 recent census data.

22 (4) The agency shall communicate veteran benefit information
23 pertaining to the Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan
24 veterans' trust fund, and United States department of veterans
25 affairs health, financial, and memorial benefits to which they are
26 entitled.

1 (5) The agency shall provide sufficient staffing and other
2 resources to approve at least 5,295 requests for military discharge
3 certificates (DD-214) for fiscal year 2013-2014 and report to the
4 senate and house appropriations subcommittees quarterly.

5 (6) The agency shall provide claims processing services to
6 Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims submitted to the
7 United States department of veteran affairs for the health,
8 financial, and memorial benefits for which they are eligible.

9 (7) The agency shall maintain the staffing and resources
10 necessary to process a minimum of 500 claims per year.

11 (8) The agency shall ensure that a minimum of 20% of the
12 claims submitted by agency personnel are fully developed claims as
13 tracked by the United States department of veterans affairs and
14 report on this effort at quarterly legislative hearings to the
15 senate and house appropriations subcommittees.

16 (9) The agency shall provide training support for county
17 veterans counselors.

18 (10) The agency shall provide resources necessary to train
19 county veterans counselors per year to provide quality benefit
20 counseling services to veterans.

21 (11) The Michigan veterans affairs agency and the Michigan
22 veterans' trust fund administration shall take steps to assist the
23 county veterans counselors of this state to obtain training
24 necessary for the execution of their duties.

25 (12) The agency shall provide the percentage of county
26 counselors trained by the department at quarterly legislative
27 hearings to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees.

1 (13) The agency shall provide the percentages of fully
2 developed claims submitted by county counselors trained by the
3 department with a goal of 20% at quarterly legislative hearings to
4 the senate and house appropriations subcommittees.

5 Sec. 402. (1) The agency shall manage the disbursement of
6 veterans advice, advocacy, and assistance grants to veterans
7 service organizations.

8 (2) The agency shall work to ensure that a minimum of 20% of
9 the claims submitted by the VSO on behalf of our veterans are fully
10 developed claims as tracked by the United States department of
11 veterans affairs and report on this effort at quarterly legislative
12 hearings to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees.

13 (3) The agency shall disburse VSO grants to assist them to
14 achieve agency goals and performance objectives in partnership with
15 the VSOs. Grants to VSOs will be disbursed to fund programs such as
16 the college initiative program or other services and projects which
17 are determined by the agency to meet agency performance objectives.

18 Sec. 405. (1) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together
19 with the agency shall provide emergency grants for disbursement
20 from the Michigan veterans' trust fund.

21 (2) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together with the
22 agency shall maintain the staffing and resources necessary to
23 process a minimum of 2,000 applications for veterans' trust fund
24 emergency grants.

25 **HOMES**

26 Sec. 501. (1) The department shall provide compassionate,

1 quality interdisciplinary care at the state's Grand Rapids
2 veterans' home so that members can achieve their highest potential
3 of wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity.

4 (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to
5 provide adequate nursing care services to veterans in accordance
6 with federal standards, including the following:

7 (a) A licensed minimum number of 403 residents in skilled
8 nursing beds at the Grand Rapids veterans' home.

9 (b) A licensed minimum number of 72 residents in domiciliary
10 beds at the Grand Rapids veterans' home.

11 (3) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that its
12 medical staffing is in accordance with United States department of
13 veterans administration standards.

14 (4) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
15 transportation is assured for each resident for every medical
16 appointment outside the veterans' home.

17 (5) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that each
18 member resident receives daily laundry service.

19 (6) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
20 maintenance and custodial services are provided for each home in
21 accordance with applicable local, state, and federal standards.

22 (7) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that each
23 resident receives a medical and care assessment including a dietary
24 plan upon admission to the home, with meals and snacks provided in
25 accordance with the plan and R 325.20803 of the Michigan
26 administrative code.

27 (8) Appropriations in this act for the Grand Rapids veterans'

1 home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and
2 veterans' families.

3 (9) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
4 assistants (CENA) to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure
5 that each CENA has at least 8 hours of training on information
6 provided by the veterans' home.

7 (10) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
8 assistants to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
9 each CENA has at least 1 eight-hour shift of shadowing at the
10 veterans' home.

11 (11) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
12 assistants to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
13 each CENA is competent in the basic skills needed to perform his or
14 her assigned duties at the veterans' home.

15 (12) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
16 assistants to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
17 each CENA has at least 1 year of experience in long-term care.

18 (13) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide each CENA
19 at least 12 hours of in-service training once that individual has
20 been assigned to the veterans' home.

21 (14) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that care
22 services are provided to each resident of the veterans' home in
23 accordance with standards set by the United States department of
24 veterans' affairs.

25 Sec. 502. (1) The department shall provide compassionate,
26 quality interdisciplinary care at the state's D.J. Jacobetti
27 veterans' home so that members can achieve their highest potential

1 of wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity.

2 (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to
3 provide adequate nursing care services to veterans in accordance
4 with federal standards, including the following:

5 (a) A licensed minimum number of 158 residents in skilled
6 nursing beds at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

7 (b) A licensed minimum number of 11 residents in domiciliary
8 beds at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

9 (3) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that its
10 medical staffing is in accordance with United States department of
11 veterans administration standards.

12 (4) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that
13 transportation is assured for each resident for every medical
14 appointment outside the veterans' home.

15 (5) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that each
16 member resident receives daily laundry service.

17 (6) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that
18 maintenance and custodial services are provided for the home in
19 accordance with applicable local, state and federal standards.

20 (7) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that each
21 resident receives a medical and care assessment including a dietary
22 plan upon admission to the home, with meals and snacks provided in
23 accordance with the plan and R 325.20803 of the Michigan
24 administrative code.

25 (8) Appropriations in this act for the D.J. Jacobetti
26 veterans' home shall not be used for any purpose other than for
27 veterans and veterans' families.

1 (9) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
2 assistants (CENA) to the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure
3 that each CENA has at least 8 hours of training on information
4 provided by the veterans' home.

5 (10) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
6 assistants to the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that
7 each CENA has at least 1 eight-hour shift of shadowing at the
8 veterans' home.

9 (11) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
10 assistants to the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that
11 each CENA is competent in the basic skills needed to perform his or
12 her assigned duties at the veterans' home.

13 (12) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
14 assistants to the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that
15 each CENA has at least 1 year of experience in long-term care.

16 (13) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall provide each CENA
17 at least 12 hours of in-service training once that individual has
18 been assigned to the veterans' home.

19 (14) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that care
20 services are provided to each resident of the veterans' home in
21 accordance with standards set by the United States department of
22 veterans affairs.

23 CAPITAL OUTLAY

24 Sec. 601. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
25 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
26 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL

1 18.1248.

2 PART 2A
3 PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS
4 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

5 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

6 Sec. 1201. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
7 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2015 for
8 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2014-2015
9 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal
10 year 2013-2014, excluding economic factors, and available revenue.
11 These adjustments will be determined after the January 2014
12 consensus revenue estimating conference.

13 Sec. 1202. It is the intent of the legislature that the
14 department identify the amounts for normal retirement costs and
15 legacy retirement costs for the fiscal year ending on September 30,
16 2015 for the line items listed in part 1.

17 Sec. 1203. The veterans affairs agency shall provide the
18 percentage of Michigan veterans contacted with a goal of 100% and
19 report upon those outreach findings at quarterly legislative
20 hearings to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees.