

SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 128

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 PART 1

2 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

3 Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military
4 and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016,
5 from the following funds:

6 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

7 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

8	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	9.0
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9	Full-time equated classified positions.....	888.5
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1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	163,953,700
2	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
3	transfers		99,300
4	Schedule of interdepartmental grant revenue sources:		
5	IDG, state police		99,300
6	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	163,854,400
7	Total federal revenues.....		90,208,600
8	Schedule of federal revenue sources:		
9	DOD-DOA-NGB		59,931,200
10	DVA-VHA		27,136,600
11	HHS-HCFA, medicare, hospital insurance.....		2,952,700
12	HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid.....		88,100
13	Federal counter narcotics revenues.....		100,000
14	Total local revenues.....		1,497,400
15	Schedule of local revenue sources:		
16	Local - school aid fund		1,497,400
17	Total private revenues.....		739,600
18	Schedule of private revenue sources:		
19	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous		
20	funds		540,000
21	Private donations		199,600
22	Total other state restricted revenues.....		23,221,500
23	Schedule of restricted revenue sources:		
24	Rental fees		346,400
25	Mackinac Bridge authority		70,000
26	Test project fees		100,000
27	Income and assessments		13,992,800

1	Lease revenue	12,200	
2	Lease revenue	1,500,000	
3	Michigan veterans trust fund	5,200,100	
4	Michigan National Guard construction fund..	1,000,000	
5	Military family relief fund	1,000,000	
6	State general fund/general purpose	\$	48,187,300
7	State general fund/general purpose schedule:		
8	Ongoing state general fund/general		
9	purpose	48,187,300	
10	One-time state general fund/general		
11	purpose	0	
12	Sec. 102. MILITARY		
13	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	9.0	
14	Full-time equated classified positions.....	324.0	
15	Unclassified positions.....	\$	1,390,700
16	Departmental and National Guard operations		63,639,400
17	Schedule of programs:		
18	Support services	1,791,300	
19	Armories and joint force readiness.....	15,879,100	
20	National Guard training facilities and air		
21	bases	33,399,400	
22	Michigan youth challenge program.....	4,541,300	
23	Military family relief fund	600,000	
24	National Guard tuition assistance program..	3,741,600	
25	Starbase grant	2,322,000	
26	Information technology services and		
27	projects	1,364,700	

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	65,030,100
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Interdepartmental grant revenues.....		99,300
4	Federal revenues.....		45,444,400
5	Local revenues.....		1,497,000
6	Private revenues.....		199,000
7	State restricted revenues.....		3,023,000
8	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	14,766,400
9	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY		
10	Full-time equated classified positions.....		564.5
11	Michigan veterans affairs agency.....	\$	15,848,000
12	Schedule of programs:		
13	Veterans affairs agency administration.....		6,964,400
14	Veterans service grants		3,683,400
15	Targeted grants		100
16	Veterans trust fund administration.....		1,453,600
17	Veterans trust fund grants		3,746,500
18	Veterans' homes.....		66,325,600
19	Schedule of programs:		
20	Grand Rapids veterans home		45,854,000
21	Board of managers (Grand Rapids home).....		665,000
22	D.J. Jacobetti veterans home		19,531,600
23	Board of managers (Jacobetti home).....		275,000
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	82,173,600
25	Appropriated from:		
26	Federal revenues.....		29,764,200
27	Private revenues.....		540,000

1	State restricted revenues.....	19,198,500
2	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 32,670,900
3	Sec. 104. CAPITAL OUTLAY	
4	Capital outlay.....	16,750,000
5	Schedule of programs:	
6	Special maintenance - National Guard.....	15,250,000
7	Special maintenance - veterans' homes.....	500,000
8	Land acquisitions and appraisals.....	1,000,000
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 16,750,000
10	Appropriated from:	
11	Federal revenues.....	15,000,000
12	State restricted revenues.....	1,000,000
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 750,000

14 PART 2

15 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

16 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

17 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

18 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state

19 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources

20 under part 1 for fiscal year 2015-2016 is \$71,408,800.00 and state

21 spending from state resources to be paid to local units of

22 government for fiscal year 2015-2016 is \$102,400.00. The itemized

23 statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to

24 local units of government will occur:

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National Guard operations	\$	52,400
Schedule of programs:		
Payments in lieu of taxes		52,400
Michigan veterans affairs agency	\$	50,000
Schedule of programs:		
County counselor education and training		
expenses		50,000
TOTAL	\$	102,400

Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this part and part 1 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

Sec. 203. As used in this part and part 1:

(a) "Core services" means that phrase as defined in section 373 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1373.

(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) "HCFA" means the Health Care Financing Administration, now renamed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

(i) "HHS" means the United States Department of Health and

1 Human Services.

2 (j) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

3 (k) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency.

4 (l) "Subcommittees" means all members of the subcommittees of
5 the senate and house appropriations committees with jurisdiction
6 over the budget of the department.

7 (m) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

8 (n) "Work project" means that term as defined in section 404
9 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1404, and
10 that meets the criteria in section 451a(1) of the management and
11 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

12 Sec. 204. The appropriations from part 1 for interdepartmental
13 grant funds received by the department from sources outside the
14 department consist of \$99,300.00 from the department of state
15 police.

16 Sec. 206. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
17 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for
18 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
19 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
20 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
21 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

22 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
23 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state
24 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
25 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
26 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
27 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

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

13 Sec. 207. The department shall cooperate with the department
14 of technology, management, and budget to maintain a searchable
15 website that is accessible by the public at no cost that includes,
16 but is not limited to, all of the following:

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

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

19 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
20 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
21 payment description.

22 (d) The number of active department employees by job
23 classification.

24 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

25 Sec. 208. The departments and agencies receiving
26 appropriations in part 1 shall use the Internet to fulfill the
27 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include

1 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
2 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
3 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

4 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in this part and part 1 shall not
5 be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
6 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
7 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to
8 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
9 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
10 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
11 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
12 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
13 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

14 Sec. 210. The department shall take all reasonable steps to
15 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
16 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
17 director of the department shall strongly encourage firms with
18 which the department contracts to subcontract with certified
19 businesses in depressed and deprived communities for services,
20 supplies, or both.

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

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

27 (2) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this part, the

1 schedule of revenue sources in part 1 may or may not be received
2 from the funding entities listed.

3 Sec. 218. The departments and agencies receiving
4 appropriations in this part and part 1 shall prepare a report on
5 out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year.
6 The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified
7 and unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
8 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
9 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
10 submitted to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
11 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director.
12 The report shall include the following information:

13 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

14 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
15 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
16 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
17 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
18 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

19 Sec. 219. The department shall provide quarterly reports to
20 the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the
21 state budget office, which shall provide the following data:

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

24 (b) The department's financial status, featuring a report of
25 budgeted versus actual expenditures by part 1 line item including a
26 year-end projection of budget requirements. If projected department
27 budget requirements exceed the allocated budget, the report shall

1 include a plan to reduce overall expenses while still satisfying
2 specified service level requirements.

3 (c) A report on the status of performance metrics cited in
4 this part and information required to be reported in this part.

5 (d) The number of active employees at the close of the fiscal
6 quarter by job classification and program.

7 (e) A summary of fund shifts, that have been approved by the
8 state budget office, that have occurred between items listed in the
9 schedule of programs mentioned in part 1.

10 Sec. 222. The appropriations in part 1 are for the core
11 services, support services, and work projects of the department,
12 including, but not limited to, the following core services:

13 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

14 (b) National Guard training facilities and air bases.

15 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

16 (d) Military family relief fund.

17 (e) Starbase grant.

18 (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

19 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

20 (h) Veterans service grants.

21 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

22 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

23 (k) Grand Rapids veterans' home.

24 (l) Board of managers (Grand Rapids).

25 (m) D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

26 (n) Board of managers (Jacobetti).

27 Sec. 225. Funds appropriated in this part and part 1 shall not

1 be used by the department to hire a person to provide legal
2 services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This
3 prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities
4 and for those activities that the attorney general authorizes.

5 Sec. 228. Not later than November 30, the state budget office
6 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
7 the total general fund/general purpose appropriations lapses at the
8 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
9 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriations
10 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
11 shall be transmitted to the office of the state budget, the
12 chairpersons of the senate and house standing committees on
13 appropriations, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal
14 agencies.

15 Sec. 229. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
16 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the
17 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations
18 chairs, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies
19 with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances,
20 state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
21 expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2015 and
22 September 30, 2016.

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

27 Sec. 231. Total authorized appropriations from all sources

1 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
2 30, 2016 are \$19,866,900.00. From this amount, total agency
3 appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at
4 \$11,276,300.00, and total agency appropriations for retiree health
5 care legacy costs are estimated at \$8,590,600.00.

6 Sec. 232. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
7 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
8 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
9 18.1248.

10 Sec. 233. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
11 intention to sell any department real property, the department
12 shall submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees and
13 the senate and house fiscal agencies.

14 Sec. 234. The 1-time appropriations in part 1 for special
15 maintenance shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year
16 consistent with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984
17 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

18 Sec. 240. In addition to the metrics required under section
19 447 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1447, for
20 each new program or program enhancement for which funds in excess
21 of \$500,000.00 are appropriated in part 1, the department shall
22 provide not later than November 1, 2015 a list of program-specific
23 metrics intended to measure its performance based on a return on
24 taxpayer investment. The department shall deliver the program-
25 specific metrics to members of the senate and house subcommittees
26 that have subject matter jurisdiction for this budget, fiscal
27 agencies, and the state budget director. The department shall

1 provide an update on its progress in tracking program-specific
2 metrics and the status of program success at an appropriations
3 subcommittee meeting called for by the subcommittee chair.

4 **MILITARY**

5 **UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS**

6 Sec. 300. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
7 funding to support unclassified employee positions as authorized by
8 section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. These
9 positions include the following: department director - the adjutant
10 general for Michigan; assistant adjutant general - army; assistant
11 adjutant general - installations; assistant adjutant general - air;
12 senior policy executive - Michigan veterans affairs agency; senior
13 deputy director - state operations; director - strategy and policy;
14 director - public safety group; and director - Michigan veterans
15 affairs agency.

16 (2) Not less than 30 days prior to the department submitting a
17 request for an additional unclassified employee position from the
18 civil service commission, or for any substantive change to the
19 duties of an existing unclassified employee position, the
20 department shall notify the subcommittees and the senate and house
21 fiscal agencies.

22 **ARMORIES AND JOINT FORCE READINESS**

23 Sec. 302. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
24 military operations, effective and efficient executive direction
25 and administrative leadership shall be provided to the department.

26 (2) The department shall operate and maintain National Guard

1 armories.

2 (3) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a
3 quarterly report on the status of the armories.

4 (4) The department shall maintain a system to measure the
5 condition and adequacy of the armories.

6 (5) The Michigan Army National Guard and Air National Guard
7 shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual assault,
8 through an environment of prevention, education and training,
9 response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and
10 appropriate accountability that enhances the safety and well-being
11 of all guard members.

12 **NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING FACILITIES AND AIR BASES**

13 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall provide Army and Air
14 National Guard forces, when directed, for state and local
15 emergencies and in support of national military requirements.

16 (2) The department shall operate and maintain Army National
17 Guard training facilities, including Fort Custer and Camp Grayling.

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

21 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
22 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
23 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
24 training center.

25 (5) The department shall provide the following information as
26 provided under section 219:

27 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army

1 National Guard.

2 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air
3 National Guard.

4 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
5 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army
6 National Guard.

7 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
8 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air
9 National Guard.

10 Sec. 305. There is hereby created and established under the
11 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
12 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other
13 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
14 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
15 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
16 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the
17 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the
18 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
19 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
20 shall submit an annual report of operations and expenditures
21 regarding the billeting fund account to the appropriations
22 committees of the senate and house of representatives, the house
23 and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget office at the end
24 of the fiscal year.

25 **MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY**

26 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
27 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-

1 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC
2 509.

3 (2) The department shall take steps to recruit candidates to
4 the challenge program from economically disadvantaged areas,
5 including those with low-income and high-unemployment backgrounds.

6 (3) The department shall partner with the department of human
7 services to identify youth who may be eligible for the challenge
8 program from those youth served by department of human services
9 programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
10 enrollment in the program.

11 (4) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources
12 necessary to train at least 144 cadets simultaneously at the
13 Michigan youth challenge academy.

14 (5) The department shall ensure that the average grade level
15 increase for Michigan youth challenge academy graduates is 2 years
16 as measured with the test adult basic education (TABE) metrics.

17 **MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND**

18 Sec. 308. (1) The department shall provide grants for
19 disbursement from the military family relief fund, as provided
20 under the military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1211
21 to 35.1216, and R 200.5 to R 200.95 of the Michigan administrative
22 code.

23 (2) The department shall provide information on the revenues,
24 expenditures for advertising and assistance grants, and fund
25 balance of the Michigan military family relief fund, as provided
26 under section 219.

27 (3) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other

resources to provide outreach to the Michigan families of members of the reserve component of the armed forces called into active duty and to support the processing and approval of at least 60 grant applications this fiscal year under the Michigan military relief fund and report those applications as provided in section 219.

STARBASE GRANT

Sec. 309. The department shall maintain the starbase program at Air National Guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC 2193b, to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students in kindergarten through twelfth grade in math, science, and technology. The starbase program is to specifically target minority and at-risk students for participation.

NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sec. 310. (1) The department shall establish and maintain a National Guard tuition assistance program for members of the Michigan Air and Army National Guard.

(2) The objective of the national guard tuition program is to bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment and retention of Michigan Air and Army National Guard service members (and to fill federally authorized strength levels for the state), improve the Michigan Air and Army National Guard's competitive draw from other military enlistment options in the state, enhance the ability of the Michigan Air and Army National Guard to compete for members and federal dollars with surrounding states, and increase the pool of eligible candidates within the Michigan Air and Army National Guard to become commissioned officers.

(3) The department shall make efforts to reach the number of Michigan Air and Army National Guard members participating in the program to 1,000 during the third year of the program's existence. To evaluate the effectiveness of the program, the department shall monitor the number of new recruits and new reenlistments and the percentage of those who become participants in the program and by how competitively the percentage of authorized Michigan Air and Army National Guard strength obtained—and retained—compares to the neighboring air and army national guards from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND PROJECTS

Sec. 311. The funds appropriated in part 1 for information technology services and projects shall be used as a pass through via an IDG to the department of technology, management, and budget for technology services, including maintenance and repair services, and technology projects, to maximize the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the department.

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 400. (1) The MVAA agency shall provide outreach services to Michigan veterans that advise them on the benefits to which they are entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92. The MVAA shall also do the following:

(a) Maintain the staffing partnerships and other resources necessary to develop and operate an outreach program that will communicate benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of

1 Michigan's population of veterans, as assessed by annual census
2 estimates, with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access
3 benefit information online.

4 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
5 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
6 fund, and DVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which
7 they are entitled.

8 (c) Provide sufficient staffing and other resources to approve
9 requests for military discharge certificates (DD-214) annually.

10 (d) Continue the process to digitize all medical records,
11 military discharge documents, and burial records that are currently
12 on paper and microfilm.

13 (e) Provide a report, as provided under section 219, on the
14 MVAA's performance on the performance measures, outcomes, and
15 initiatives developed by the agency in the strategic plan required
16 by section 501 of 2013 PA 9.

17 (f) Provide a report to the subcommittees, senate and house
18 fiscal agencies, and the state budget office no later than April 1
19 providing for the following:

20 (i) To the extent known, data on the estimated number of
21 homeless veterans, by county, in this state.

22 (ii) A summary of the activities and strategies developed to
23 date under the MVAA community assessment and regional service
24 delivery model pilot.

25 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVAA shall
26 provide for the regional coordination of services, as follows:

27 (a) Regional coordinators shall be selected by the MVAA

1 through a grant agreement with VSOs or by other means.

2 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following
3 services:

4 (i) Coordinate veteran benefit counselors' efforts throughout
5 a specified region.

6 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of human
7 services, the department of community health, and the department of
8 corrections.

9 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic
10 development agencies.

11 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, nonprofit
12 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,
13 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,
14 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the
15 local level.

16 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional
17 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and
18 other service providers to incorporate the provision of information
19 relating to mental health care resources into their daily
20 operations to aid veterans in understanding the mental health care
21 support services they may be eligible to receive.

22 (d) The MVAA shall coordinate with the department of human
23 services and the department of community health to identify
24 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
25 federal veterans health care benefits or other benefits, to the
26 extent that the identification does not violate applicable
27 confidentiality requirements.

1 (e) The MVAA shall collaborate with the department of
2 corrections to create and maintain a process by which prisoners can
3 obtain a copy of their DD-214 form or other military discharge
4 documentation if necessary.

5 (f) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers, VSO
6 service officers, and regional coordinators receive appropriate
7 training in processing applications for benefits payable to
8 veterans due to military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress
9 disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or other mental
10 health issues.

11 (3) The MVAA shall provide claims processing services to
12 Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims submitted to the DVA
13 for the health, financial, and memorial benefits for which they are
14 eligible, and shall do all of the following:

15 (a) Report the following information as provided in section
16 219:

17 (i) The number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the
18 DVA by MVAA and coalition partner veteran service officers.

19 (ii) The number of fully developed claims, submitted to the
20 DVA, with an overall goal of 40% of benefit claims submitted that
21 are considered fully developed by the DVA.

22 (b) Maintain the staffing and resources necessary to process a
23 minimum of 500 claims per year.

24 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary
25 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county
26 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to
27 provide quality services to our veterans. The MVAA shall report

1 information as provided in section 219 on the number and percentage
2 of county veterans counselors requesting training by the MVAA, with
3 an overall goal of 100% of county veterans counselors trained.

4 (5) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MVAA operations,
5 the MVAA shall provide grant assistance to enhance the capacity and
6 capabilities of counties in providing benefit claims assistance.

7 These funds shall be used to continue the implementation of an
8 Internet-based data system, to increase the number of county
9 veterans counselors, and to increase the number of counties that
10 provide service to veterans through county veterans counselors. The
11 MVAA shall provide a report, as provided in section 219, on the
12 expenditures and activities of the grant funds directed by this
13 subsection.

14 (6) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MVAA, the MVAA
15 is authorized to expend up to \$50,000.00 to hire legal services to
16 represent veterans benefit cases before federal court in order to
17 maintain accreditation under 38 CFR 14.628(d)(1)(iv).

18 **VETERANS SERVICE GRANTS**

19 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall disburse VSO grants to assist
20 them to achieve agency goals and performance objectives in
21 partnership with the VSOs. Grants to VSOs will be disbursed to fund
22 programs and projects which are determined by the agency to meet
23 agency performance objectives and ensure that VSOs communicate the
24 availability of emergency grants through the Michigan veterans
25 trust fund. In disbursing veterans' service grants, the MVAA shall
26 do the following:

27 (a) Ensure that each VSO that receives grants is issued

1 performance standards.

2 (b) Ensure that each VSO that receives grant funds uses those
3 funds for veterans advocacy and outreach.

4 (c) Monitor the performance of each VSO that receives grants.

5 (2) Veterans services grants awarded by the MVAA to veterans
6 service organizations shall provide for the following, as developed
7 by the MVAA:

8 (a) The provision of service to veterans statewide, using a
9 regional service delivery model, with services provided at
10 specified locations and times, including service provided in state
11 correctional facilities.

12 (b) The payment of a fixed hourly service rate.

13 (c) A specified number of service hours within each geographic
14 region of this state, with a statewide goal of at least 116,500
15 hours, including service hours provided to eligible incarcerated
16 veterans within 1 year of their earliest release date.

17 (d) Use of an MVAA-designated Internet-based claims data
18 system.

19 (3) The MVAA shall report the following information as
20 provided in section 219:

21 (a) A summary of activities supported through the
22 appropriation in part 1 for veterans service grants, including
23 separately for each service region, the amount of expenditures to
24 date, number of service hours, number of claims for benefits
25 submitted by type of claim, and other information deemed
26 appropriate by the MVAA.

27 (b) The number of fully developed claims, by type, submitted

1 to the DVA by veterans service organizations, with an overall goal
2 of 40% of benefit claims submitted that are considered fully
3 developed by the DVA.

4 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION**

5 Sec. 407. (1) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together
6 with the MVAA shall provide emergency grants for disbursement from
7 the Michigan veterans' trust fund, as provided under the following
8 program authorities:

9 (a) Sections 37, 38, and 39 of article IX of the state
10 constitution of 1963.

11 (b) 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, MCL 35.602 to 35.610.

12 (c) R 35.1 to R 35.7 of the Michigan administrative code.

13 (d) R 35.621 to R 35.623 of the Michigan administrative code.

14 (2) No later than December 1, the MVAA shall provide a
15 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,
16 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the
17 emergency grant program, including details concerning the
18 methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant
19 program authorized agents, a description of how the emergency grant
20 program is administered in each county, and a detailed breakdown of
21 trust fund expenditures for that year, including the amount
22 distributed to each county for administrative costs and emergency
23 grants. The report shall also include the number of approved
24 applications, by category of assistance, and the number of denied
25 applications, by reason of denial. The report shall also provide an
26 update on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative
27 costs and maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its

1 original amount of at least \$50,000,000.00.

2 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND GRANTS**

3 Sec. 408. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report, as provided
4 under section 219, on the financial status of the Michigan
5 veterans' trust fund, including the number and amount of emergency
6 grants, state administrative expenses, and county administrative
7 expenses.

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

12 **GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME**

13 Sec. 501. (1) The MVAA and the board of managers shall provide
14 compassionate and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at
15 the Grand Rapids veterans' home so that members can achieve their
16 highest potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and
17 dignity.

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

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

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

25 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for the Grand Rapids veterans'
26 home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and
27 veterans' families.

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

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

9 (6) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
10 assistants to the Grand Rapids 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 (7) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
14 assistants to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that
15 each CENA has at least 1 year of experience in long-term care.

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

19 (9) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at the Grand
20 Rapids veterans' home by a resident member, a resident member's
21 family or legal guardian, or staff of the veterans' home, received
22 by a supervisor shall be referred to the director of nursing upon
23 receipt of such complaint. The director of nursing shall report on
24 not less than a monthly basis, except that the board of managers
25 may specify a more frequent reporting period, to the home
26 administrator, board of managers, agency, subcommittees, the senate
27 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office the

1 following information:

2 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and
3 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at the Grand
4 Rapids veterans' home.

5 (b) Summary statistics on the number and general nature of
6 complaints of abuse or neglect.

7 (c) Summary statistics on the final disposition of complaints
8 of abuse or neglect received.

9 (10) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide an on-site,
10 board-certified psychiatrist for all resident members with mental
11 health disorders in order to ensure that those resident members
12 receive needed services in a professional and timely manner. The
13 Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide all members and staff a
14 safe and secure environment.

15 (11) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that it
16 effectively develops, executes, and monitors all comprehensive care
17 plans in accordance with federal regulations and its internal
18 policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care plan is fully
19 developed for all resident members.

20 (12) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement controls
21 over its food, maintenance supplies, and medical supplies
22 inventories.

23 (13) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement controls
24 over its pharmaceutical inventory.

25 (14) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall establish
26 sufficient controls for calculating resident member maintenance
27 assessments in order to accurately calculate resident member

1 maintenance assessments for each billing cycle. The Grand Rapids
2 veterans' home shall establish sufficient controls to ensure that
3 all past due resident member maintenance assessments are addressed
4 within 30 days.

5 (15) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall establish
6 sufficient controls over monetary donations and donated goods.

7 (16) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement
8 sufficient controls over the handling of resident member funds to
9 ensure the release of funds within 3 business days upon the
10 resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a
11 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting
12 of that resident member's funds within 10 business days of the
13 death of that resident member.

14 (17) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted
15 by the board of managers and the home related to the administrative
16 operations of the home.

17 (18) The process by which visitors, residents, and employees
18 of the Grand Rapids veterans' home may register complaints shall be
19 displayed in high-traffic areas throughout the home.

20 (19) The MVAA shall report its findings regarding the Grand
21 Rapids veterans' home's compliance with the requirements and
22 standards under this section as provided in section 219. The
23 quarterly reports shall include, but are not limited to, the
24 following information:

25 (a) The number of patient care hours and staffing levels
26 measured against DVA-VHA standards.

27 (b) The number and dollar value of lost and discarded

1 prescriptions and the number of early prescription refills.

2 (c) An accounting of resident member populations at the Grand
3 Rapids veterans' home by period of service, by gender, by care
4 setting, and by bed space available.

5 (d) The financial status of the Grand Rapids veterans' home,
6 including an accounting of post and posthumous funds, donations,
7 and state-appropriated funds.

8 (e) Information regarding assessments, reassessments, and
9 admissions at the Grand Rapids veterans' home.

10 (f) The number of volunteer hours at the Grand Rapids
11 veterans' home.

12 (20) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide to the
13 subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state
14 budget office the results of any annual or for-cause survey
15 conducted by the DVA-VHA and any corresponding corrective action
16 plan. This information shall also be made available publicly
17 through the department's or MVAA's website.

18 **BOARD OF MANAGERS (GRAND RAPIDS)**

19 Sec. 502. The board of managers shall exercise certain
20 regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member
21 affairs at the Grand Rapids veterans' homes. The board of managers
22 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'
23 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

24 **D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME**

25 Sec. 503. (1) The MVAA and the board of managers shall provide
26 compassionate and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at
27 the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home so that members can achieve their

1 highest potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and
2 dignity.

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

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

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

10 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for the D.J. Jacobetti veterans'
11 home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and
12 veterans' families.

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

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

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

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

1 (8) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall provide each CENA
2 at least 12 hours of in-service training once that individual has
3 been assigned to the veterans' home.

4 (9) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at the D.J.
5 Jacobetti veterans' home by a resident member, a resident member's
6 family or legal guardian, or staff of the veterans' home, received
7 by a supervisor shall be referred to the director of nursing upon
8 receipt of such complaint. The director of nursing shall report on
9 not less than a monthly basis, except that the board of managers
10 may specify a more frequent reporting period, to the home
11 administrator, board of managers, agency, subcommittees, the senate
12 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office the
13 following information:

14 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and
15 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at the D.J.
16 Jacobetti veterans' home.

17 (b) Summary statistics on the number and the general nature of
18 complaints of abuse or neglect.

19 (c) Summary statistics on the final disposition of complaints
20 of abuse or neglect received.

21 (10) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted
22 by the board of managers and the home related to the operations of
23 the home.

24 (11) The process by which visitors, residents, and employees
25 of the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home may register complaints shall
26 be displayed in high-traffic areas throughout the home.

27 (12) The MVAA shall report the following, as provided under

1 section 219:

2 (a) An accounting of resident member populations at the D.J.
3 Jacobetti veterans' home by period of service, by gender, by care
4 setting, and by bed space available.

5 (b) The financial status of the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home,
6 including an accounting of post and posthumous funds, donations,
7 and state-appropriated funds.

8 (c) Information regarding assessments, reassessments, and
9 admissions at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

10 (d) The number of volunteer hours at the D.J. Jacobetti
11 veterans' home.

12 (13) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall provide to the
13 subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies the results
14 of any annual or for-cause survey conducted by the DVA-VHA and any
15 corresponding corrective action plan. This information shall also
16 be made available publicly through the department's or MVAA's
17 website.

18 **BOARD OF MANAGERS (JACOBETTI)**

19 Sec. 504. The board of managers shall exercise certain
20 regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member
21 affairs at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home. The board of managers
22 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'
23 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

24 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

25 **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - NATIONAL GUARD**

26 Sec. 601. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special

1 maintenance - National Guard shall be carried forward at the end of
2 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and
3 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

4 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - National
5 Guard shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
6 sections 302 and 304 and shall be expended according to the
7 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
8 military training sites and support facilities, including armories,
9 which may include projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler
10 replacement, interior renovations, facility expansion, improvements
11 to parking facilities, and other projects.

12 (3) The department shall provide a quarterly report as
13 provided under section 219 providing information on the status,
14 projected costs, and projected completion date of current and
15 planned special maintenance projects at the armories and other
16 National Guard facilities funded from capital outlay appropriations
17 made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

18 **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - VETERANS' HOMES**

19 Sec. 603. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special
20 maintenance - veterans' homes shall be carried forward at the end
21 of the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management
22 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

23 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans'
24 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
25 sections 501 and 503 and shall be expended according to the
26 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
27 the state's veterans' homes, which may include projects such as

1 roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility
2 expansion, improvements to parking facilities, and other projects
3 designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care of
4 members.

5 (3) The MVAA shall provide a quarterly report as provided
6 under section 219 providing information on the status, projected
7 costs, and projected completion date of current and planned special
8 maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti
9 veterans' homes funded from capital outlay appropriations made in
10 part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

11 **LAND AND ACQUISITIONS**

12 Sec. 604. (1) The department shall provide for the acquisition
13 and disposition of National Guard armories, facilities, and lands
14 as provided under sections 368, 382, and 382a of the Michigan
15 military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.768, 32.782, and 32.782a.

16 (2) The department shall provide a listing of property sales
17 and acquisitions as provided under section 219.

18 **PART 2A**

19 **PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS**

20 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017**

21 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

22 Sec. 1201. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
23 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2017 for
24 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2016-2017
25 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal

1 year 2015-2016, excluding appropriations designated as 1-time
2 appropriations and adjusting for changes in caseload and related
3 costs, federal fund match rates, economic factors, and available
4 revenue. These adjustments will be determined after the January
5 2016 consensus revenue estimating conference.