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Senate Bill 250 (Substitute S-4)
Committee: Appropriations

FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$199,001,000
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Changes from FY 2008-09 Year-to-Date:

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| 1. Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Grants. The Governor originally recommended funding for 11 grantees for a total of \$4,029,600, the initial FY 2008-09 level, but reduced current-year funding by \$1.0 million via E.O. 2009-22. The Senate provided \$4,029,600 for the program and provided for counseling contracts to be established. | 1,000,000 |
| 2. Military Training Sites. The Governor and Senate included Federal funds for increased maintenance and support for military training sites, including Camp Grayling and Fort Custer. | 496,000 |
| 3. Military Retirement. The Governor and Senate added GF/GP funds to pay for anticipated payments to retired Michigan Army and Air National Guard per P.A. 150 of 1967. | 190,300 |
| 4. Starbase Program. The Governor and Senate included additional Federal funds for science-related elementary school education program to provide training for Starbase directors from around the country. | 550,000 |
| 5. Headquarters and Armories. The Governor and Senate added Federal funds available for communications and personnel costs. | 500,000 |
| 6. Capital Outlay Projects. Completion of major FY 2008-09 projects leaves capital outlay special maintenance for military facilities for FY 2009-10 at \$15.0 million, Federal. Includes reduction of \$450,000 GF/GP in matching funds. | (38,400,000) |
| 7. Medicare Authorization Increase. The Governor and Senate included additional Federal funds eligible for use by the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti veterans' homes for pharmacy-related costs. | 900,000 |
| 8. DIT Office Upgrade. The Governor and Senate included an upgrade to Microsoft Office 2007 for the Department, which includes \$16,400 GF/GP. | 47,800 |
| 9. Guard Education Assistance Program. The Governor included a reduction of \$350,000 to the program. The Senate reduced it by an additional \$400,000. | (750,000) |
| 10. State Active Duty. Governor and Senate included a restricted fund increase to cover additional duties for the Guard at the Labor Day bridge walk. | 10,000 |
| 11. Internal Audit. The Governor and Senate included the transfer of this function to the Department of Management and Budget, including \$72,500 GF/GP. | (111,700) |
| 12. Adjustments for FY 2008-09. Adjustments include Executive Orders, supplementals, and transfers. | (16,405,700) |
| 13. War Memorial. The Governor and Senate included the elimination of a one-time GF/GP grant for the rehab of the War Memorial at the State Fairgrounds. | (5,000) |
| 14. Executive Order Annualization. The Governor and Senate included a reduction representing the remainder (to make a full year) of the 2% GF/GP cut from E.O 2008-21. | (84,100) |
| 15. Information Technology. The Governor and Senate included a reduction representing the remainder (to make a full year) of the 2% GF/GP cut from E.O 2008-21. . | (400) |
| 16. Economic Adjustments. The Governor and Senate's overall economic adjustments included \$526,800 GF/GP and \$7,800 GF/GP for DIT. | 1,873,300 |
| 17. Comparison to the Governor's Recommendation. The Senate is \$400,000 Gross and \$400,000 GF/GP under the Governor. | |

Total Changes.....	(\$50,189,500)
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FY 2008-09 Senate Gross Appropriation	\$148,811,500
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Changes from FY 2008-09 Year to Date:**Deleted Boilerplate Sections**

1. **Privatization.** Required privatization plan notice. (Sec. 207)
2. **Regional Training Institute (RTI).** Provides for management and funding of RTI. (Sec. 229)
3. **RTI Guidelines for Use.** Lists acceptable users of the RTI in Battle Creek. (Sec. 230)
4. **Impact of Public Acts.** Requires report on policy changes made due to new public acts and the impact on small businesses. (Sec. 231)
5. **Travel Limitation.** Provides guidelines for travel outside of State for professional development purposes. (Sec. 237)
6. **Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Grants.** Provides guidelines for grants to VSOs. (Sec. 501)
7. **Post, Posthumous Funds.** Language requiring 30-day notification prior to the Department altering the spending plan of the Board of Managers at a veteran's home. (Sec 604)

Amended Boilerplate Sections

8. **Guard Education Assistance Program.** Reduced program from \$1.1 million to \$750,000. (Sec. 302)
9. **Contingency Fund Transfer Process.** Increases Federal funds cap from \$5.0 to \$10.0 million. (Sec. 232)

New Boilerplate Sections

10. **General Fund Lapse.** Requires report of GF/GP lapse estimates by 9-30-10. (Sec. 233)
11. **Use of Lapse Revenues.** Requires transfer of any lapse funds to special maintenance projects for State-owned armories. (Sec. 234)
12. **Facility Partnerships.** Calls for the Department to seek partnerships with reserve units in the use of facilities. (Sec. 235)
13. **Grand Rapids Veterans Home.** Requires study on impact of privatizing resident care aides at the home. (Sec. 604)
14. **Veterans Benefits Counseling.** Provides for the coordination of veterans services within the Department's Veterans Affairs Directorate. (Sec. 707)

Date Completed: 6-10-09

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