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[House Bill is H.B. 4328](#)

FY 2013-14 Senate-Passed Gross Appropriation	\$162,608,000
House Changes to Senate-Passed:	
1. Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency. House reduced one-time start-up funds of \$4.0 million by \$45,000 GF/GP.	(45,000)
2. County Counselor Education and Training Expenses. House added this one-time appropriation of \$45,000 GF/GP.	45,000
3. Special Maintenance – Veterans Homes. House reduced appropriation of \$500,000 by \$100,000 GF/GP.	(100,000)
4. Veterans Affairs Ombudsman. The House added \$100,000 GF/GP to fund an ombudsman position for veterans' facilities via an IDG to the Legislative Council.	100,000
5. Military Appeals Tribunal. The House reduced the appropriation of \$900 by \$100 GF/GP.	(100)
6. College Campus Veterans Outreach Initiative. The House included \$100 GF/GP for this item.	100
7. Information Technology. The House reduced upgrades and expansion capacity of state wireless infrastructure and internet bandwidth totaling \$17,900 including \$2,600GF/GP.	(17,900)
Total Changes	(\$17,900)
FY 2013-14 House-Passed Gross Appropriation	\$162,590,100

Changes from FY 2013-14 Senate-Passed:

1. **IDGs Received.** The House did not include the listing of IDGs received under part 1. (Sec. 204)
2. **Buy American Language.** House added preference to small businesses with at least 35% of workforce made up of veterans. (Sec. 209)
3. **Information Technology Work Projects.** House included language which allows designation of info tech projects as work projects per DTMB act. (Sec. 211)
4. **Information Technology Fees.** House included language requiring user fees for services provided by DTMB. (Sec. 214)
5. **Quarterly Reports.** House did not include a requirement that quarterly reports include the status of performance metrics and included a requirement that the DMVA provide corrective action for metrics which do not meet requirements and added a requirement that any veterans home abuses and neglect reports be included. (Sec. 219)
6. **Annual Report.** The House added language requiring a description of how the Emergency Grant Program is administered in each County, including administration costs and eliminated a required report on efforts to restore MVTF corpus to \$50.0 million. (Sec. 220)
7. **Core Services Listing.** The House added the Starbase Program to the list of core services and the Senate updated and combined another. (Sec. 222)
8. **Selling DMVA Property.** House eliminated language requiring a 60-day notice prior to selling property. (Sec. 223)
9. **Colocation of Activities.** House struck a requirement that the DMVA seek colocation and sharing of activities with other U.S. Armed Forces. (Sec. 236)
10. **Administration.** House deleted requirement the DMVA provide administrative support and fiscal controls. (Sec. 301)
11. **Veterans Outreach.** The House did not include a requirement that the Department have the goal of contacting 35% of the State's veterans. (Sec. 401)
12. **Advice, Advocacy and Assistance Grants.** House included language with detailed process of awarding grants to VSOs and Senate provided a more general reference to disbursement. (Sec. 401)
13. **Fully Developed Claims.** House did not include requirement that the DMVA have as a goal that a minimum of 20% of the claims submitted to VSO, DMVA personnel and County Counselors shall be fully developed. (Sec. 402)
14. **Trust Fund Grants.** House did not include language requiring a minimum of 2,000 processed applications. And kept a requirement that approved grant applications improve 5%. (Sec. 408)
15. **Internet based Data System.** House included language requiring implementation of an internet-based data system. (Sec. 404)
16. **New Veterans Affairs Agency Guidelines, Reporting.** House included language from Public Act 9 of 2013 which contained guidelines for FY 2013 supplemental appropriations for the new agency. (Sec. 406)
17. **Michigan Military Family Relief Fund.** House did not include language requiring staff sufficient to process and award 60 grant applications. (Sec. 308)
18. **Challenge Program.** House did not include language requiring resources sufficient to train 144 cadets simultaneously or to have cadets improve an average of two grade levels but kept language requiring at least 65% of cadets graduate, that the program partner with DHS to find recruits and to seek out economically disadvantaged. (Secs. 307 and 409)
19. **Veterans Homes.** House removed language requiring the number of licensed beds. (Secs. 501 and 601)
20. **Veterans Home Expenditures.** House kept language prohibiting a change in Board of Managers fund expenditures without 30-day prior notice to the Legislature and states uses for the funds. (Sec. 601)
21. **Veterans Home Abuse and Neglect.** House did not include Senate language requiring internal and monthly reports to the Legislature regarding any complaints of abuse or neglect. (Sec. 603)
22. **Veterans Facilities Ombudsman.** House included language describing a proposed Michigan Veterans Facility Ombudsman position and providing for an IDG to the Legislative Council for funding. (Sec. 602)
23. **FY 2014-15 Appropriations Metric.** House did not include a FY 2015 metric requirement that the DMVA have a goal of contacting 100% of all veterans in the state. (Sec. 1203)

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