

FIRST CONFERENCE REPORT

The Committee of Conference on the matters of difference between the two Houses concerning

Senate Bill No. 773, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Recommends:

First: That the House recede from the Substitute of the House as passed by the House.

Second: That the Senate and House agree to the Substitute of the Senate as passed by the Senate, amended to read as follows:

(attached)

Third: That the Senate and House agree to the title of the bill to read as follows:

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 773**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015; 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 part, the amounts listed in this part for the department of military and veterans affairs are appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

1 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

2 Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 9.0

3 Full-time equated classified positions..... 889.5

4 GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 166,943,700

5 Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental

6 transfers 100,000

7 Schedule of interdepartmental grant and

8 intradepartmental transfer revenue sources:

9 IDG, state police 100,000

10 ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 166,843,700

11 Total federal revenues..... 90,362,800

12 Schedule of federal revenue sources:

13 DOD-DOA-NGB 60,025,300

14 DVA-VHA 27,235,700

15 Federal counter narcotics revenues..... 50,000

16 HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid..... 88,300

17 HHS-HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance..... 2,963,500

18 Total local revenues..... 1,500,000

19 Schedule of local revenue sources:

20 Local - school aid fund 1,500,000

21 Total private revenues..... 740,000

22 Schedule of private revenue sources:

23 Private - veterans' homes post and posthumous

24 funds 540,000

25 Private donations 200,000

26 Total other state restricted revenues..... 25,086,400

27 Schedule of restricted revenue sources:

1	Lease revenue	12,200	
2	Income and assessments	17,356,100	
3	Mackinac Bridge authority	70,000	
4	Military family relief fund	1,000,000	
5	Michigan national guard armory construction		
6	fund	1,000,000	
7	Michigan veterans trust fund	5,201,700	
8	Rental fees	346,400	
9	Test project fees	100,000	
10	State general fund/general purpose	\$	49,154,500
11	State general fund/general purpose schedule:		
12	Ongoing state general fund/general		
13	purpose	45,754,500	
14	One-time state general fund/general		
15	purpose	3,400,000	
16	Sec. 102. MILITARY		
17	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	9.0	
18	Full-time equated classified positions.....	324.0	
19	Unclassified positions	\$	1,370,100
20	Departmental and national guard operations		63,046,400
21	Schedule of programs:		
22	Support services	1,909,400	
23	Armories and joint force readiness.....	16,136,500	
24	National guard training facilities and		
25	airbases	32,050,600	
26	Michigan youth challenge academy.....	4,549,200	
27	Military family relief fund	600,000	

1	Starbase grant	2,322,000	
2	National guard tuition assistance program..	4,342,100	
3	Information technology services and		
4	projects	1,136,600	<hr/>
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	64,416,500
6	Appropriated from:		
7	Interdepartmental grant revenues.....		100,000
8	Federal revenues.....		45,489,000
9	Local revenues.....		1,500,000
10	Private revenues.....		200,000
11	State restricted revenues.....		1,523,600
12	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	15,603,900
13	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY		
14	Full-time equated classified positions.....	565.5	
15	Michigan veterans affairs agency.....	\$	16,059,300
16	Schedule of programs:		
17	Michigan veterans affairs agency		
18	administration	7,095,100	
19	Veterans service grants	3,762,500	
20	Veterans' trust fund administration.....	1,455,200	
21	Veterans' trust fund grants	3,746,500	
22	Veterans' homes		66,567,900
23	Schedule of programs:		
24	Grand Rapids veterans' home	46,012,600	
25	Board of managers (Grand Rapids home).....	665,000	
26	D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.....	19,615,300	
27	Board of managers (Jacobetti home).....	275,000	<hr/>

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	82,627,200
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Federal revenues.....		29,873,800
4	Private revenues.....		540,000
5	State restricted revenues.....		22,562,800
6	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	29,650,600
7	Sec. 104. CAPITAL OUTLAY		
8	Capital outlay.....	\$	16,500,000
9	Schedule of programs:		
10	Special maintenance - national guard.....	15,000,000	
11	Special maintenance - veterans' home.....	500,000	
12	Land and acquisitions	1,000,000	
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	16,500,000
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues.....		15,000,000
16	State restricted revenues.....		1,000,000
17	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	500,000
18	Sec. 105. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
19	Special maintenance - veterans' home.....	\$	3,000,000
20	National guard tuition assistance program reserve		400,000
21	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	3,400,000
22	Appropriated from:		
23	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	3,400,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$74,240,900.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2014-2015 is \$100,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

National guard operations.....	\$	50,000
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Schedule of programs:

Payments in lieu of taxes	50,000
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Michigan veterans affairs agency.....	\$	50,000
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Schedule of programs:

County counselor education and training

expenses	50,000	<hr/>
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TOTAL.....	\$	100,000
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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) "CFDA" means catalog of federal domestic assistance.

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

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

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

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

4 (f) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans
5 affairs.

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

7 (h) "FTE" means full-time equated.

8 (i) "HCFA" means the health care financing administration, now
9 renamed the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

10 (j) "HHS" means the United States department of health and
11 human services.

12 (k) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

13 (l) "Large veterans service organization" means a VSO that can
14 certify that its membership exceeds 30,000 individuals.

15 (m) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency.

16 (n) "Medium veterans service organization" means a VSO that
17 can certify that its membership is between 2,500 and 30,000
18 individuals.

19 (o) "Small veterans service organization" means a VSO that can
20 certify that its membership is between 1,000 and 2,499 individuals.

21 (p) "Subcommittees" means all members of the subcommittees of
22 the senate and house appropriations committees with jurisdiction
23 over the budget of the department.

24 (q) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

25 (r) "Work project" means that term as defined in section 404
26 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1404, and
27 that meets the criteria in section 451a(1) of the management and

1 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

2 Sec. 204. The appropriations from part 1 for interdepartmental
3 grant funds received by the department from sources outside the
4 department consist of \$100,000.00 from the department of state
5 police.

6 Sec. 205a. Federal DOD-DOA-NGB funds appropriated in part 1
7 may be received from, but not limited to, the following programs:
8 military construction - national guard (CFDA 12.400), national
9 guard military operations and maintenance (CFDA 12.401), national
10 guard challenge program (CFDA 12.404), and national guard starbase
11 program (CFDA 12.404).

12 Sec. 205b. Federal DVA-VHA funds appropriated in part 1 may be
13 received from, but not limited to, the following programs: grants
14 to states for construction of state home facilities (CFDA 64.005),
15 veterans state domiciliary care (CFDA 64.014), and veterans state
16 nursing home care (CFDA 64.015).

17 Sec. 205c. Federal HHS-HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance
18 funds appropriated in part 1 may be received under the Medicare
19 supplementary medical insurance program (CFDA 93.774) or other HHS-
20 HCFA programs.

21 Sec. 205d. Federal HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid funds
22 appropriated in part 1 may be received from the Medicaid program
23 under title XIX of the social security act, 42 USC 1396 to 1396w-5
24 or other HHS-HCFA programs.

25 Sec. 206. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
26 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 for
27 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for

1 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
2 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
3 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

4 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
5 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for state
6 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
7 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
8 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
9 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

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

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

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

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

1 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
2 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
3 payment description.

4 (d) The number of active department employees by job
5 classification.

6 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

7 Sec. 208. The departments and agencies receiving
8 appropriations in part 1 shall use the Internet to fulfill the
9 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include
10 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
11 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
12 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

13 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in this part and part 1 shall not
14 be used for the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
15 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
16 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to
17 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
18 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
19 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
20 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
21 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
22 competitively priced and of comparable quality. In addition,
23 preference shall be given to goods or services, or both, that are
24 manufactured or provided by Michigan small businesses that have
25 veterans compose at least 35% of their total workforce. As used in
26 this section, "veteran" means that term as defined in section 261
27 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261. As used

1 in this section, "small business" means that term as defined in
2 section 7a of the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA
3 306, MCL 24.207a.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (a) Prioritizing personnel over buildings in budgetary
5 efficiency considerations.

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

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

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

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

25 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

26 (b) The total transportation and related costs of each travel
27 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general

1 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
2 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
3 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

4 Sec. 219. (1) The department shall provide quarterly reports
5 to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the
6 state budget office, which shall provide the following data:

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

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

15 (c) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within
16 established appropriations.

17 (d) A report on the status of performance metrics cited in
18 this part and information required to be reported in this part.

19 (e) The number of active employees at the close of the fiscal
20 quarter by job classification and program.

21 (f) A summary of fund shifts, that have been approved by the
22 state budget office, that have occurred between items listed in the
23 schedule of programs mentioned in part 1.

24 (2) The department shall provide a corrective action plan
25 within 30 days of a quarterly report under this section for any
26 requirements of this part that have not been achieved. The
27 department shall provide a monthly status of corrective action

1 plans.

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

5 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

6 (b) National guard training facilities and air bases.

7 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

8 (d) Military family relief fund.

9 (e) Starbase grant.

10 (f) National guard tuition assistance program.

11 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

12 (h) Veterans service grants.

13 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

14 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

15 (k) Grand Rapids veterans' home.

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

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

18 (n) Board of managers (Jacobetti).

19 Sec. 225. Funds appropriated in this part and part 1 shall not
20 be used by the department to hire a person to provide legal
21 services that are the responsibility of the attorney general. This
22 prohibition does not apply to legal services for bonding activities
23 and for those activities that the attorney general authorizes.

24 Sec. 227. The department shall not exclude public employee
25 unions from the bid process.

26 Sec. 228. Not later than November 30, the state budget office
27 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of

1 the total general fund/general purpose appropriations lapses at the
2 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
3 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriations
4 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
5 shall be transmitted to the office of the state budget, the
6 chairpersons of the senate and house standing committees on
7 appropriations, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal
8 agencies.

9 Sec. 229. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
10 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the
11 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations
12 chairs, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies
13 with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances,
14 state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
15 expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 and
16 September 30, 2015.

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

21 Sec. 231. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
22 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
23 30, 2015 are \$20,013,100.00. From this amount, total agency
24 appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at
25 \$11,180,100.00, and total agency appropriations for retiree health
26 care legacy costs are estimated at \$8,833,000.00.

27 Sec. 232. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay

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

4 Sec. 233. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
5 intention to sell any department property, the department shall
6 submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees and the
7 senate and house fiscal agencies.

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

12 **MILITARY**

13 **UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS**

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

24 (2) Not less than 30 days prior to the department submitting a
25 request for an additional unclassified employee position from the
26 civil service commission, or for any substantive change to the

1 duties of an existing unclassified employee position, the
2 department shall notify the subcommittees and the senate and house
3 fiscal agencies.

4 **SUPPORT SERVICES**

5 Sec. 301. (1) The department shall provide administrative
6 support for department operations.

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

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

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

16 **ARMORIES AND JOINT FORCE READINESS**

17 Sec. 302. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
18 department and national guard operations, the department shall
19 provide for the following:

20 (a) Executive administration of the department as provided
21 under chapter 6 of the executive organization act of 1965, 1965 PA
22 380, MCL 16.225 to 16.229, Executive Reorganization Order No. 1997-
23 7, MCL 32.91, and chapter 5 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA
24 150, MCL 32.700 to 32.740.

25 (b) The operations of the Michigan military establishment, as
26 provided under section 7 of article I and section 12 of article V
27 of the state constitution of 1963, and the Michigan military act,

1 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.501 to 32.851, title 10 of the United States
2 Code, 10 USC 101 to 18506, title 32 of the United States Code, 32
3 USC 101 to 908, the Michigan code of military justice of 1980, 1980
4 PA 523, MCL 32.1001 to 32.1148, R 32.11 to R 32.61 of the Michigan
5 administrative code, R 32.171 to R 32.186 of the Michigan
6 administrative code, and other applicable cooperative agreements
7 and army, air force, and national guard bureau regulations.

8 (2) The department shall operate and maintain national guard
9 armories as provided under chapter 6 of the Michigan military act,
10 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.750 to 32.788, and other applicable cooperative
11 agreements and army and national guard regulations.

12 (3) The Michigan army national guard and air national guard
13 shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual assault,
14 through an environment of prevention, education and training,
15 response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and
16 appropriate accountability that enhances the safety and well-being
17 of all guard members.

18 (4) 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, as
21 provided in section 219, on the status and activities of the
22 armories, including a listing of armory closings and projected
23 closings.

24 (5) The department shall establish a system that measures the
25 condition and adequacy of armory facilities using both quality and
26 functionality criteria based off the installation status report-
27 infrastructure inspections that are conducted annually as a

1 requirement set forth by the national guard.

2 (6) The department shall report to the subcommittees, the
3 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office by
4 December 1 providing for the following:

5 (a) An assessment of the grounds and facilities of each armory
6 to objectively measure and determine the current facility condition
7 and capability to support authorized manpower, unit training, and
8 operations.

9 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the
10 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in
11 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the
12 national guard in current or projected population centers.

13 (c) Recommendations for the enhanced use of armories to
14 facilitate family support programs during deployments.

15 (d) An analysis of the feasibility, potential costs, and
16 benefits of shared use of armories with other local, state, or
17 federal agencies to improve response to local emergencies as well
18 as the community support provided to armories.

19 (e) An investment strategy and proposed funding amounts in a
20 prioritized project list to correct the most critical facility
21 shortfalls across the inventory of armories in this state.

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

23 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall provide army and air
24 national guard forces, when directed, for state and local
25 emergencies and in support of national military requirements.

26 (2) The department shall operate and maintain army national
27 guard training facilities, including Fort Custer and Camp Grayling.

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

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

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

10 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan army
11 national guard.

12 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan air
13 national guard.

14 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
15 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan army
16 national guard.

17 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
18 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan air
19 national guard.

20 **MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY**

21 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
22 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-
23 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC
24 509.

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

1 (3) The department shall partner with the department of human
2 services to identify youth who may be eligible for the challenge
3 program from those youth served by department of human services
4 programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
5 enrollment in the program.

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

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

12 **MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND**

13 Sec. 308. (1) The department shall provide grants for
14 disbursement from the military family relief fund, as provided
15 under the military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1211
16 to 35.1216, and R 200.5 to R 200.95 of the Michigan administrative
17 code.

18 (2) The department shall provide information on the revenues,
19 expenditures for advertising and assistance grants, and fund
20 balance of the Michigan military family relief fund, as provided
21 under section 219.

22 (3) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other
23 resources to provide outreach to the Michigan families of members
24 of the reserve component of the armed forces called into active
25 duty and to support the processing and approval of at least 60
26 grant applications this fiscal year under the Michigan military
27 relief fund and report those applications as provided in section

1 219.

2 **STARBASE GRANT**

3 Sec. 309. (1) The department shall maintain the starbase
4 program at air national guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC
5 2193b, to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students
6 in kindergarten through twelfth grade in math, science, and
7 technology. The starbase program is to specifically target minority
8 and at-risk students for participation.

9 (2) The starbase program shall maintain current program
10 offerings serving K-12 school districts in the state through
11 existing program sites which include starbase one, located at
12 Selfridge air national guard base, starbase Battle Creek, located
13 at Battle Creek air national guard base, and starbase Alpena,
14 located at Alpena combat readiness training center.

15 **NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

16 Sec. 310. (1) The department shall establish and maintain a
17 national guard tuition assistance program for members of the
18 Michigan air and army national guard.

19 (2) The objective of the national guard tuition program is to
20 bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment and retention
21 of Michigan air and army national guard service members (and to
22 fill federally authorized strength levels for the state), improve
23 the Michigan air and army national guard's competitive draw from
24 other military enlistment options in the state, enhance the ability
25 of the Michigan air and army national guard to compete for members
26 and federal dollars with surrounding states, and increase the pool
27 of eligible candidates within the Michigan air and army national

1 guard to become commissioned officers.

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

12 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
13 national guard tuition program shall be designed after the federal
14 tuition assistance program model and shall cover 100% of tuition
15 and authorized fees, up to \$4,500.00 a year, for Michigan air and
16 army national guard members to pursue course work in programs
17 leading to a certificate, a first associate, bachelor's, or
18 master's degree. To be eligible for the program, a Michigan air and
19 army national guard member would have to be qualified in a military
20 occupational skill, remain in active drilling status with a service
21 contract, be a member in good standing, meet yearly physical
22 fitness and weight control standards, and maintain a 2.0 GPA (on a
23 4.0 scale). This subsection does not apply if House Bill No. 5451
24 of the 97th Legislature is enacted into law.

25 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND PROJECTS**

26 Sec. 311. The funds appropriated in part 1 for information
27 technology services and projects shall be used as a pass through

1 via an IDG to the department of technology, management, and budget
2 for technology services, including maintenance and repair services,
3 and technology projects, to maximize the operational efficiency and
4 effectiveness of the department.

5 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

6 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY ADMINISTRATION**

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

12 (a) Maintain the staffing partnerships and other resources
13 necessary to develop and operate an outreach program that will
14 communicate benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of the
15 680,417 Michigan veterans with a goal of reaching 100% and enable
16 100% to access benefit information online.

17 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
18 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
19 fund, and United States department of veterans affairs health,
20 financial, and memorial benefits to which they are entitled.

21 (c) Provide sufficient staffing and other resources to approve
22 requests for military discharge certificates (DD-214) annually and
23 report that information as provided in section 219.

24 (d) Continue the process to digitize all medical records and
25 military discharge documents which are currently on paper and
26 microfilm, and report the number of digitized documents as provided

1 in section 219.

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

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

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

11 (ii) A summary of the activities and strategies developed to
12 date under the MVAA community assessment and regional service
13 delivery model pilot projects that are specifically aimed at
14 improving access to, and the utilization of, community-based
15 services among homeless veterans, and aimed at preventing the
16 incidence of, and minimizing the risk factors for, homelessness
17 among veterans.

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

20 (a) Regional coordinators shall be selected by the MVAA
21 through a grant agreement with veterans service organizations or by
22 other means.

23 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following
24 services:

25 (i) Coordinate veteran benefit counselors' efforts throughout a
26 specified region.

27 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of human services,

1 the department of community health, and the department of
2 corrections.

3 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic
4 development agencies.

5 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, non-profit
6 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,
7 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,
8 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the
9 local level.

10 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional
11 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and
12 other service providers to incorporate mental health care referral
13 services into their daily operations in order to aid veterans in
14 understanding the mental health care support services they may be
15 eligible to receive and in identifying available providers of those
16 services. Mental health care services shall include counseling and
17 appropriate care and services to veterans to overcome any mental
18 health issues resulting from their military service, including
19 issues concerning military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress
20 disorder, depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.

21 (d) The MVAA shall cooperate with the department of human
22 services and the department of community health in working with the
23 federal public assistance reporting information system to identify
24 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
25 federal veterans health care benefits or other benefits.

26 (e) The MVAA shall collaborate with the department of
27 corrections to create and maintain a process by which prisoners can

1 obtain a copy of their DD-214 form or other military discharge
2 documentation if necessary.

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

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

13 (a) Report the following information as provided in section
14 219:

15 (i) The number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the
16 DVA.

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

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

22 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary
23 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county
24 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to
25 provide quality services to our veterans. The MVAA shall report the
26 following information as provided in section 219:

27 (a) The number and percentage of county veterans counselors

1 trained by the MVAA, with an overall goal of 100%.

2 (b) To the extent known, the number of benefit claims, by
3 type, submitted to the DVA by county veterans counselors.

4 (c) To the extent known, the number of fully developed claims,
5 by type, submitted to the DVA by county veterans counselors, with
6 an overall goal of 40% of benefit claims submitted that are
7 considered fully developed by the DVA.

8 (5) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MVAA operations,
9 the MVAA shall provide grant assistance to enhance the capacity and
10 capabilities of counties in providing benefit claims assistance.
11 These funds shall be used to continue the implementation of an
12 Internet-based data system, to increase the number of county
13 veterans counselors, and to increase the number of counties that
14 provide service to veterans through county veterans counselors. The
15 MVAA shall provide a report, as provided in section 219, on the
16 expenditures and activities of the grant funds directed by this
17 subsection.

18 (6) The MVAA shall create a 5-member advisory board consisting
19 of presidents or commanders from 2 large veterans service
20 organizations, 2 medium veterans service organizations, and 1 small
21 veterans service organization. The board shall meet no less than
22 twice a year, without reimbursement, and shall assist the MVAA in
23 developing plans, reviewing service delivery initiatives, and
24 identifying services and projects that assist in meeting MVAA
25 performance objectives.

26 (7) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
27 veterans affairs agency administration, the MVAA is authorized to

1 expend up to \$50,000.00 to hire legal services to represent
2 veterans benefit cases before federal court in order to maintain
3 accreditation under 38 CFR 14.628(d)(1)(iv).

4 **VETERANS SERVICE GRANTS**

5 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall disburse VSO grants to assist
6 them to achieve agency goals and performance objectives in
7 partnership with the VSOs. Grants to VSOs will be disbursed to fund
8 programs and projects which are determined by the agency to meet
9 agency performance objectives and ensure that VSOs communicate the
10 availability of emergency grants through the Michigan veterans
11 trust fund. In disbursing veterans' service grants, the MVAA shall
12 do the following:

13 (a) Ensure that each VSO that receives grants is issued
14 performance standards.

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

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

18 (2) Veterans services grants awarded by the MVAA to veterans
19 service organizations shall provide for the following, as developed
20 by the MVAA:

21 (a) The provision of service to veterans statewide, using a
22 regional service delivery model, with services provided at
23 specified locations and times, including service provided in state
24 correctional facilities.

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

26 (c) A specified number of service hours within each geographic
27 region of this state, with a statewide goal of at least 116,500

1 hours, including a minimum of 6,240 hours provided in state
2 correctional facilities.

3 (d) Use of an MVAA-designated Internet-based claims data
4 system.

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

7 (a) A summary of activities supported through the
8 appropriation in part 1 for veterans service grants, including
9 separately for each service region, the amount of expenditures to
10 date, number of service hours, number of claims for benefits
11 submitted by type of claim, and other information deemed
12 appropriate by the MVAA.

13 (b) The number of fully developed claims, by type, submitted
14 to the DVA by veterans service organizations, with an overall goal
15 of 40% of benefit claims submitted that are considered fully
16 developed by the DVA.

17 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) No later than December 1, the MVAA shall provide a

1 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,
2 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the
3 emergency grant program, including details concerning the
4 methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant
5 program authorized agents, a description of how the emergency grant
6 program is administered in each county, and a detailed breakdown of
7 trust fund expenditures for that year, including the amount
8 distributed to each county for administrative costs and emergency
9 grants. The report shall also include the number of approved
10 applications, by category of assistance, and the number of denied
11 applications, by reason of denial. The report shall also provide an
12 update on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative
13 costs and maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its
14 original amount of at least \$50,000,000.00.

15 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND GRANTS**

16 Sec. 408. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report, as provided
17 under section 219, on the financial status of the Michigan
18 veterans' trust fund, including the number and amount of emergency
19 grants, state administrative expenses, and county administrative
20 expenses.

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 **GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME**

26 Sec. 501. (1) The MVAA and the board of managers shall provide
27 compassionate and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at

1 the Grand Rapids veterans' home so that members can achieve their
2 highest potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and
3 dignity in accordance with the following program authorities:

4 (a) 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1 to 36.12.

5 (b) 1905 PA 313, MCL 36.61.

6 (c) Executive Reorganization Order No. 1991-7, MCL 36.71.

7 (d) Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

8 (e) R 32.71 to R 32.89 of the Michigan administrative code.

9 (f) Title 38, part II, chapter 17, subchapter V of the United
10 States Code, 38 USC 1741 to 1745.

11 (g) 38 CFR part 51.

12 (h) 38 CFR part 52.

13 (i) Title 38, part VI, chapter 81, subchapter III of the
14 United States Code, 38 USC 8131 to 8138.

15 (j) 38 CFR part 59.

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

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

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

23 (3) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that its
24 medical staffing is in accordance with DVA-VHA standards.

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

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

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

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

11 (8) Appropriations in part 1 for the Grand Rapids veterans'
12 home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and
13 veterans' families.

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

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

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

26 (12) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
27 assistants to the Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that

1 each CENA has at least 1 year of experience in long-term care.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (15) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide an on-site,
23 board-certified psychiatrist for all resident members with mental
24 health disorders in order to ensure that those resident members
25 receive needed services in a professional and timely manner. The
26 Grand Rapids veterans' home shall provide all members and staff a
27 safe and secure environment.

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

6 (17) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement controls
7 over its food, maintenance supplies, and medical supplies
8 inventories.

9 (18) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement controls
10 over its pharmaceutical inventory.

11 (19) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall establish
12 sufficient controls for calculating resident member maintenance
13 assessments in order to accurately calculate resident member
14 maintenance assessments for each billing cycle. The Grand Rapids
15 veterans' home shall establish sufficient controls to ensure that
16 all past due resident member maintenance assessments are addressed
17 within 30 days.

18 (20) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall establish
19 sufficient controls over monetary donations and donated goods.

20 (21) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall implement
21 sufficient controls over the handling of resident member funds to
22 ensure the release of funds within 3 business days upon the
23 resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a
24 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting
25 of that resident member's funds within 10 business days of the
26 death of that resident member.

27 (22) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted

1 by the board of managers and the home related to the administrative
2 operations of the home.

3 (23) The Grand Rapids veterans' home shall ensure that it
4 meets a minimum standard of 2.5 patient care hours per patient, per
5 day, each day, 7 days a week.

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

9 (25) The MVAA shall report its findings regarding the Grand
10 Rapids veterans' home's compliance with the requirements and
11 standards under this section as provided in section 219. The
12 quarterly reports shall include, but are not limited to, the
13 following information:

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

16 (b) The number and dollar value of lost and discarded
17 prescriptions and the number of early prescription refills.

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD OF MANAGERS (GRAND RAPIDS)

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

D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME

Sec. 503. (1) The MVAA and the board of managers shall provide compassionate and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home so that members can achieve their highest potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity in accordance with the following program authorities:

(a) 1885 PA 152, MCL 36.1 to 36.12.

(b) 1905 PA 313, MCL 36.61.

(c) Executive Reorganization Order No. 1991-7, MCL 36.71.

(d) Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

(e) R 32.71 to R 32.89 of the Michigan administrative code.

(f) Title 38, part II, chapter 17, subchapter V of the United States Code, 38 USC 1741 to 1745.

(g) 38 CFR part 51.

(h) 38 CFR part 52.

1 (i) Title 38, part VI, chapter 81, subchapter III of the
2 United States Code, 38 USC 8131 to 8138.

3 (j) 38 CFR part 59.

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 158 residents in skilled
8 nursing beds at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home.

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

11 (3) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall ensure that its
12 medical staffing is in accordance with DVA-VHA standards.

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

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

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

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

26 (8) Appropriations in part 1 for the D.J. Jacobetti veterans'
27 home shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and

1 veterans' families.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office the
2 following information:

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

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

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

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

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

16 (17) The MVAA shall report the following, as provided under
17 section 219:

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

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

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

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

1 (18) The D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall provide to the
2 subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies the results
3 of any annual or for-cause survey conducted by the DVA-VHA and any
4 corresponding corrective action plan. This information shall also
5 be made available publicly through the department's or MVAA's
6 website.

7 **BOARD OF MANAGERS (JACOBETTI)**

8 Sec. 504. The board of managers shall exercise certain
9 regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member
10 affairs at the D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home. The board of managers
11 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'
12 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

13 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

14 **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - NATIONAL GUARD**

15 Sec. 601. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special
16 maintenance - national guard shall be carried forward at the end of
17 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and
18 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

19 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - national
20 guard shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
21 sections 302 and 304 and shall be expended according to the
22 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
23 military training sites and support facilities, which may include
24 projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior
25 renovations, facility expansion, improvements to parking
26 facilities, and other projects.

1 (3) The department shall provide a quarterly report as
2 provided under section 219 providing information on the status,
3 projected costs, and projected completion data of current and
4 planned special maintenance projects at the armories and other
5 national guard facilities funded from capital outlay appropriations
6 made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

7 **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - VETERANS' HOMES**

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

12 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans'
13 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
14 sections 501 and 503 and shall be expended according to the
15 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
16 the state's veterans' homes, which may include projects such as
17 roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility
18 expansion, improvements to parking facilities, and other projects
19 designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care of
20 members.

21 (3) The MVAA shall provide a quarterly report as provided
22 under section 219 providing information on the status, projected
23 costs, and projected completion data of current and planned special
24 maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti
25 veterans' homes funded from capital outlay appropriations made in
26 part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

27 **LAND AND ACQUISITIONS**

1 Sec. 604. (1) The department shall provide for the acquisition
2 and disposition of national guard armories, facilities, and lands
3 as provided under sections 368, 382, and 382a of the Michigan
4 military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.768, 32.782, and 32.782a.

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

7 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

8 **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - VETERANS' HOMES**

9 Sec. 701. (1) The 1-time appropriations in part 1 for special
10 maintenance - veterans' homes shall be carried forward at the end
11 of the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management
12 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

13 (2) The 1-time appropriations for special maintenance -
14 veterans' homes shall be expended in accordance with the
15 requirements of sections 501 and 503 of this part and shall be
16 expended according to the maintenance priorities of the department
17 to repair and modernize the state's veterans' homes, which may
18 include projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement,
19 interior renovations, facility expansion, improvements to parking
20 facilities, and other projects designed to enhance the quality of
21 life and medical care of members.

22 (3) The MVAA shall provide quarterly reports as provided under
23 section 219 providing information on the status, projected costs,
24 and projected completion data of current and planned special
25 maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti
26 veterans' homes funded from 1-time appropriations made in part 1

1 and in prior appropriations years.

2 **NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RESERVE**

3 Sec. 702. The 1-time appropriation for the national guard
4 tuition assistance program reserve shall be expended as provided in
5 section 310, after the department exhausts the appropriation for
6 national guard tuition assistance program appropriated in section
7 102.

8 PART 2A

9 PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS

10 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

11 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

12 Sec. 1201. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
13 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2016 for
14 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2015-2016
15 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal
16 year 2014-2015, excluding appropriations designated as 1-time
17 appropriations and adjusting for changes in caseload and related
18 costs, federal fund match rates, economic factors, and available
19 revenue. These adjustments will be determined after the January
20 2015 consensus revenue estimating conference.

21 Sec. 1202. The veterans affairs agency shall provide the
22 percentage of Michigan veterans contacted with a goal of 100% and
23 report upon those outreach findings at quarterly legislative
24 hearings to the subcommittees.

25 Sec. 1203. The veterans affairs agency shall maintain a

1 minimum 50% fully developed claims as determined by the DVA.