

**FIRST CONFERENCE REPORT**

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

House Bill No. 5256, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

Recommends:

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

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

(attached)

Third: That the House and Senate 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, 2017; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5256**

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**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, from the following funds:

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Full-time equated unclassified positions..... | 9.0   |
| Full-time equated classified positions.....   | 898.5 |

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|----|---|----|-------------|
| 1  | GROSS APPROPRIATION.....                              | \$ | 174,100,200 |
| 2  | Interdepartmental grant and intradepartmental         |    |             |
| 3  | transfer revenues:                                    |    |             |
| 4  | Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental  |    |             |
| 5  | transfers .....                                       |    | 101,800     |
| 6  | ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....                     | \$ | 173,998,400 |
| 7  | Federal revenues:                                     |    |             |
| 8  | Total federal revenues.....                           |    | 91,793,600  |
| 9  | Special revenue funds:                                |    |             |
| 10 | Total local revenues.....                             |    | 1,522,400   |
| 11 | Total private revenues.....                           |    | 742,800     |
| 12 | Total other state restricted revenues.....            |    | 24,696,000  |
| 13 | State general fund/general purpose.....               | \$ | 55,243,600  |
| 14 | State general fund/general purpose schedule:          |    |             |
| 15 | Ongoing state general fund/general                    |    |             |
| 16 | purpose .....   |    | 51,443,600  |
| 17 | One-time state general fund/general                   |    |             |
| 18 | purpose .....   |    | 3,800,000   |
| 19 | <b>Sec. 102. MILITARY</b>                             |    |             |
| 20 | Full-time equated unclassified positions.....         |    | 9.0         |
| 21 | Full-time equated classified positions.....           |    | 334.0       |
| 22 | Unclassified positions--9.0 FTE positions.....        | \$ | 1,425,500   |
| 23 | Departmentwide accounts.....                          |    | 1,839,100   |
| 24 | Headquarters and armories--78.0 FTE positions.....    |    | 17,254,100  |
| 25 | Information technology services and projects.....     |    | 1,384,600   |
| 26 | Michigan youth challenge academy--50.0 FTE positions. |    | 5,326,900   |
| 27 | Military family relief fund.....                      |    | 600,000     |

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|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | Military training sites and support facilities--205.0 |                  |
| 2  | FTE positions .....                                   | 33,793,000       |
| 3  | National Guard tuition assistance fund.....           | 60,000           |
| 4  | National Guard tuition assistance program--1.0 FTE    |                  |
| 5  | position .....  | 3,505,000        |
| 6  | National Guard operations.....                        | 338,200          |
| 7  | Starbase grant.....                                   | <u>2,322,000</u> |
| 8  | GROSS APPROPRIATION.....                              | \$ 67,848,400    |
| 9  | Appropriated from:                                    |                  |
| 10 | Interdepartmental grant and intradepartmental         |                  |
| 11 | transfer revenues:                                    |                  |
| 12 | Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental  |                  |
| 13 | transfers .....                                       | 101,800          |
| 14 | Federal revenues:                                     |                  |
| 15 | Total federal revenues.....                           | 47,488,100       |
| 16 | Special revenue funds:                                |                  |
| 17 | Total local revenues.....                             | 1,522,400        |
| 18 | Total private revenues.....                           | 202,800          |
| 19 | Total other state restricted revenues.....            | 6,551,800        |
| 20 | State general fund/general purpose.....               | \$ 11,981,500    |
| 21 | <b>Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY</b>     |                  |
| 22 | Full-time equated classified positions..... 209.5     |                  |
| 23 | Board of managers (veterans homes).....               | \$ 940,000       |
| 24 | D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--164.5 FTE positions | 21,250,600       |
| 25 | Michigan veterans trust fund administration--6.0 FTE  |                  |
| 26 | positions .....                                       | 1,464,800        |
| 27 | Michigan veterans trust fund grants.....              | 3,746,500        |

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|----|---|-------------------|
| 1  | MVAA administration--39.0 FTE positions .....         | 7,057,300         |
| 2  | Targeted grants .....                                 | 200,000           |
| 3  | Veterans service grants .....                         | <u>3,763,500</u>  |
| 4  | GROSS APPROPRIATION .....                             | \$ 38,422,700     |
| 5  | Appropriated from:                                    |                   |
| 6  | Federal revenues:                                     |                   |
| 7  | Total federal revenues .....                          | 8,305,600         |
| 8  | Special revenue funds:                                |                   |
| 9  | Total private revenues .....                          | 540,000           |
| 10 | Total other state restricted revenues .....           | 10,611,700        |
| 11 | State general fund/general purpose .....              | \$ 18,965,400     |
| 12 | <b>Sec. 104. GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS</b>       |                   |
| 13 | Full-time equated classified positions..... 355.0     |                   |
| 14 | Veterans home operations .....                        | \$ 6,135,400      |
| 15 | Purchased services .....                              | 10,342,600        |
| 16 | Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits--355.0 FTE       |                   |
| 17 | positions .....                                       | <u>30,751,000</u> |
| 18 | GROSS APPROPRIATION .....                             | \$ 47,229,000     |
| 19 | Appropriated from:                                    |                   |
| 20 | Federal revenues:                                     |                   |
| 21 | Total federal revenues .....                          | 20,999,900        |
| 22 | Special revenue funds:                                |                   |
| 23 | Total other state restricted revenues .....           | 6,532,500         |
| 24 | State general fund/general purpose .....              | \$ 19,696,600     |
| 25 | <b>Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>                       |                   |
| 26 | Land and acquisitions .....                           | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 27 | Special maintenance - headquarters and armories ..... | 15,300,000        |

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|----|--|----------------|
| 1  | Special maintenance - veterans homes .....           | 500,000        |
| 2  | Veterans homes planning .....                        | <u>100</u>     |
| 3  | GROSS APPROPRIATION .....                            | \$ 16,800,100  |
| 4  | Appropriated from:                                   |                |
| 5  | Federal revenues:                                    |                |
| 6  | Total federal revenues .....                         | 15,000,000     |
| 7  | Special revenue funds:                               |                |
| 8  | Total other state restricted revenues .....          | 1,000,000      |
| 9  | State general fund/general purpose .....             | \$ 800,100     |
| 10 | <b>Sec. 106. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>             |                |
| 11 | Armory maintenance .....                             | \$ 2,500,000   |
| 12 | Grand Rapids home Medicaid certification pilot ..... | 1,000,000      |
| 13 | Homeless veterans .....                              | <u>300,000</u> |
| 14 | GROSS APPROPRIATION .....                            | \$ 3,800,000   |
| 15 | Appropriated from:                                   |                |
| 16 | State general fund/general purpose .....             | \$ 3,800,000   |

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

21 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state  
 22 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources  
 23 under part 1 for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$79,939,600.00 and state  
 24 spending from state resources to be paid to local units of  
 25 government for fiscal year 2016-2017 is \$102,400.00. The itemized

1 statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to  
 2 local units of government will occur:

3 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

|   |  |    |               |
|---|--|----|---------------|
| 4 | Military training sites and support facilities ..... | \$ | 52,400        |
| 5 | MVAA administration.....                             | \$ | <u>50,000</u> |
| 6 | TOTAL.....   | \$ | 102,400       |

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

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

11       (a) "Core services" means that phrase as defined in section  
 12 373 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1373.

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

15       (c) "Director" means the director of the department.

16       (d) "DJJHV" means the D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans.

17       (e) "FTE" means full-time equated.

18       (f) "GRHV" means the Grand Rapids home for veterans.

19       (g) "HVAC" means heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

20       (h) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency.

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

24       (j) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans  
 25 Affairs.

26       (k) "USDVA-VHA" means the USDVA Veterans Health  
 27 Administration.

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

2 (m) "Work project" means that term as defined in section 404  
3 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1404, and  
4 that meets the criteria in section 451a(1) of the management and  
5 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

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

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

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

24 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is  
25 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private  
26 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure  
27 until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1

1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
2 MCL 18.1393.

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

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

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

9 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
10 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
11 payment description.

12 (d) The number of active department employees by job  
13 classification.

14 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

15 Sec. 208. The departments and agencies receiving  
16 appropriations in part 1 shall use the Internet to fulfill the  
17 reporting requirements of this part. This requirement may include  
18 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients  
19 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include  
20 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

21 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for  
22 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if  
23 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or  
24 services, or both, are available. Preference shall be given to  
25 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan  
26 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable  
27 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or

1 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan  
2 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are  
3 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

4 Sec. 210. The director 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 shall strongly encourage firms with which the department  
8 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and  
9 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

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

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

23 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

24 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel  
25 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general  
26 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state  
27 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,

1 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

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

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

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

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

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

17       (e) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within  
18 established appropriations.

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

22       (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

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

24       (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

25       (d) Military family relief fund.

26       (e) Starbase grant.

27       (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

1 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

2 (h) Veterans service grants.

3 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

4 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

5 (k) Board of managers (veterans homes).

6 (l) Grand Rapids home for veterans.

7 (m) D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans.

8 Sec. 225. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a  
9 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire  
10 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of  
11 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal  
12 services for bonding activities and for those outside services that  
13 the attorney general authorizes.

14 Sec. 228. Not later than November 30, the state budget office  
15 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of  
16 the total general fund/general purpose appropriations lapses at the  
17 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the  
18 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriations  
19 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report  
20 shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house  
21 appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and  
22 house fiscal agencies.

23 Sec. 229. Within 14 days after the release of the executive  
24 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the  
25 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations  
26 chairs, the subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies  
27 with an annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances,

1 state restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund  
2 expenditures for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2016 and  
3 September 30, 2017.

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

8 Sec. 231. Total authorized appropriations from all sources  
9 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September  
10 30, 2017 are \$18,602,500.00. From this amount, total agency  
11 appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are estimated at  
12 \$10,314,600.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree health care  
13 legacy costs are estimated at \$8,287,900.00.

14 Sec. 232. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay  
15 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent  
16 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
17 18.1248.

18 Sec. 233. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the  
19 intention to sell any department real property, the department  
20 shall submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees and  
21 the senate and house fiscal agencies.

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

26 Sec. 240. In addition to the metrics required under section  
27 447 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1447, for

1 each new program or program enhancement for which funds in excess  
2 of \$500,000.00 are appropriated in part 1, the department shall  
3 provide not later than November 1, 2016 a list of program-specific  
4 metrics intended to measure its performance based on a return on  
5 taxpayer investment. The department shall deliver the program-  
6 specific metrics to members of the senate and house subcommittees  
7 that have subject matter jurisdiction for this budget, fiscal  
8 agencies, and the state budget director. The department shall  
9 provide an update on its progress in tracking program-specific  
10 metrics and the status of program success at an appropriations  
11 subcommittee meeting called for by the subcommittee chair.

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 chief executive officer for the veteran health system; and director  
23 - Michigan veterans 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 **ARMORIES AND JOINT FORCE READINESS**

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

8 (2) The department shall operate and maintain National Guard  
9 armories.

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

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

14 (5) The Michigan Army National Guard and Air National Guard  
15 shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual assault,  
16 through an environment of prevention, education and training,  
17 response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and  
18 appropriate accountability that enhances the safety and well-being  
19 of all guard members.

20 (6) By December 1, the department shall report the following  
21 information to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal  
22 agencies, and the state budget office:

23 (a) An assessment of the grounds and facilities of each armory  
24 to objectively measure and determine the current facility condition  
25 and capability to support authorized manpower, unit training, and  
26 operations.

27 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the

1 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in  
2 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the  
3 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

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

6 (d) An analysis of the feasibility, potential costs, and  
7 benefits of use of armories shared with other local, state, or  
8 federal agencies to improve responses to local emergencies as well  
9 as the community support provided to armories.

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

### 13 **NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING FACILITIES AND AIR BASES**

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

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

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

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

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

1 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army  
2 National Guard.

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

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

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

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

26 **MICHIGAN YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY**

27 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth

1 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-  
2 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC  
3 509.

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

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

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

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

#### 18 **MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND**

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

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

1 (3) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other  
2 resources to provide outreach to the Michigan families of members  
3 of the reserve component of the armed forces called into active  
4 duty and to support the processing and approval of grant  
5 applications this fiscal year under the Michigan military relief  
6 fund and report those applications as provided in section 219.

7 **STARBASE GRANT**

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

14 **NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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

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

1           (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number  
2 of Michigan Air and Army National Guard members participating in  
3 the program to 1,000 during the third year of the program's  
4 existence. To evaluate the effectiveness of the program, the  
5 department shall monitor the number of new recruits and new  
6 reenlistments and the percentage of those who become participants  
7 in the program to determine whether the percentage of authorized  
8 Michigan Air and Army National Guard strength obtained and retained  
9 is competitive in comparison with the neighboring air and army  
10 national guards from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and  
11 Wisconsin.

12           (4) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the National Guard  
13 tuition assistance program shall be supported with revenue from the  
14 Michigan national guard tuition assistance fund created in section  
15 4 of the Michigan national guard tuition assistance act, 2014 PA  
16 259, MCL 32.434. As provided in section 4 of the Michigan national  
17 guard tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.434, unexpended  
18 funds remaining in the Michigan national guard tuition assistance  
19 fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general  
20 fund.

21 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AND PROJECTS**

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

1 department.

2 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

3 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY ADMINISTRATION**

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

8 (a) Maintain the staffing partnerships and other resources  
9 necessary to develop and operate an outreach program that will  
10 communicate benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of  
11 Michigan's population of veterans, as assessed by annual census  
12 estimates, with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access  
13 benefit information online.

14 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the  
15 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust  
16 fund, and USDVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which  
17 they are entitled.

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

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

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

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

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

6 (ii) A summary of the activities and strategies developed to  
7 date under the MVAA community assessment and regional service  
8 delivery model pilot.

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

11 (a) Regional coordinators shall be selected by the MVAA  
12 through a grant agreement with VSOs or by other means.

13 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following  
14 services:

15 (i) Coordinate veteran benefit counselors' efforts throughout  
16 a specified region.

17 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of health and  
18 human services and the department of corrections.

19 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic  
20 development agencies.

21 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, nonprofit  
22 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,  
23 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,  
24 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the  
25 local level.

26 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional  
27 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and

1 other service providers to incorporate the provision of information  
2 relating to mental health care resources into their daily  
3 operations to aid veterans in understanding the mental health care  
4 support services they may be eligible to receive.

5 (d) The MVAA shall coordinate with the department of health  
6 and human services to identify Medicaid recipients who are veterans  
7 and who may be eligible for federal veterans health care benefits  
8 or other benefits, to the extent that the identification does not  
9 violate applicable confidentiality requirements.

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

14 (f) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers, VSO  
15 service officers, and regional coordinators receive appropriate  
16 training in processing applications for benefits payable to  
17 veterans due to military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress  
18 disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or other mental  
19 health issues.

20 (3) The MVAA shall provide claims processing services to  
21 Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims submitted to the  
22 USDVA for the health, financial, and memorial benefits for which  
23 they are eligible, and shall do all of the following:

24 (a) Report the following information as provided in section  
25 219:

26 (i) The number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the  
27 USDVA by MVAA and coalition partner veteran service officers.

1           (ii) The number of fully developed claims, submitted to the  
2 USDVA, with an overall goal of 40% of benefit claims submitted that  
3 are considered fully developed by the USDVA.

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

6           (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary  
7 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county  
8 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to  
9 provide quality services to our veterans. The MVAA shall report  
10 information as provided in section 219 on the number and percentage  
11 of county veterans counselors requesting training by the MVAA, with  
12 an overall goal of 100% of county veterans counselors trained.

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

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

27 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION GRANTS**

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

9           (a) Ensure that each VSO that receives grants is issued  
10 performance standards.

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

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

14           (2) Veterans service organization grants awarded by the MVAA  
15 shall provide for the following, as developed by the MVAA:

16           (a) The provision of service to veterans statewide, using a  
17 regional service delivery model, with services provided at  
18 specified locations and times, including service provided in state  
19 correctional facilities.

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

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

25           (d) Use of an MVAA-designated Internet-based claims data  
26 system.

27           (3) The MVAA shall report the following information as

1 provided in section 219:

2 (a) A summary of activities supported through the  
3 appropriation in part 1 for veterans service organization grants,  
4 including separately for each service region, the amount of  
5 expenditures to date, number of service hours, number of claims for  
6 benefits submitted by type of claim, and other information deemed  
7 appropriate by the MVAA.

8 (b) The number of fully developed claims, by type, submitted  
9 to the USDVA by veterans service organizations, with an overall  
10 goal of 40% of benefit claims submitted that are considered fully  
11 developed by the USDVA.

12 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION**

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

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

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

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

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

22 (2) No later than December 1, the MVAA shall provide a  
23 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,  
24 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the  
25 emergency grant program, including details concerning the  
26 methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant  
27 program authorized agents, a description of how the emergency grant

1 program is administered in each county, and a detailed breakdown of  
2 trust fund expenditures for that year, including the amount  
3 distributed to each county for administrative costs and emergency  
4 grants. The report shall also include the number of approved  
5 applications, by category of assistance, and the number of denied  
6 applications, by reason of denial. The report shall also provide an  
7 update on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative  
8 costs and maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus to its  
9 original amount of at least \$50,000,000.00.

10 (3) Any funds not expended or encumbered at the end of the  
11 current fiscal year shall be deposited into the Michigan veterans'  
12 trust fund corpus.

### 13 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND GRANTS**

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

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

### 23 **GRAND RAPIDS AND D.J. JACOBETTI HOMES FOR VETERANS**

24 Sec. 501. (1) The MVAA and the board of managers shall provide  
25 compassionate and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at  
26 the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans so that  
27 members can achieve their highest potential of wellness,

1 independence, self-worth, and dignity.

2 (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to  
3 provide nursing care services to veterans in accordance with  
4 federal standards and provide the results of the annual USDVA  
5 survey and certification as proof of compliance.

6 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for the Grand Rapids and the D.J.  
7 Jacobetti homes for veterans shall not be used for any purpose  
8 other than for veterans and veterans' families.

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

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

17 (6) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing  
18 assistants to the Grand Rapids home for veterans shall ensure that  
19 each CENA is competent in the basic skills needed to perform his or  
20 her assigned duties at the home.

21 (7) The Grand Rapids home for veterans shall provide each CENA  
22 at least 12 hours of in-service training once that individual has  
23 been assigned to the home.

24 (8) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at the Grand  
25 Rapids and the D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans by a resident  
26 member, a resident member's family or legal guardian, or staff of  
27 the veterans' homes, received by a supervisor shall be referred to

1 the director of nursing or his or her designee upon receipt of such  
2 complaint. The director of nursing or his or her designee shall  
3 report on not less than a monthly basis, except that the board of  
4 managers may specify a more frequent reporting period, to the home  
5 administrator, board of managers, agency, subcommittees, the senate  
6 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office the  
7 following information:

8 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and  
9 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at the Grand  
10 Rapids and the D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans.

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

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

15 (9) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
16 shall provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all  
17 resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure  
18 that those resident members receive needed services in a  
19 professional and timely manner. The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti  
20 homes for veterans shall provide all members and staff a safe and  
21 secure environment.

22 (10) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
23 shall ensure that they effectively develop, execute, and monitor  
24 all comprehensive care plans in accordance with federal regulations  
25 and their internal policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care  
26 plan is fully developed for all resident members.

27 (11) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans

1 shall implement controls over their food, maintenance supplies,  
2 pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies inventories.

3 (12) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
4 shall establish sufficient controls for calculating resident member  
5 maintenance assessments in order to accurately calculate resident  
6 member maintenance assessments for each billing cycle. The Grand  
7 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans shall establish  
8 sufficient controls to ensure that all past due resident member  
9 maintenance assessments are addressed within 30 days.

10 (13) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
11 shall establish sufficient controls over monetary donations and  
12 donated goods.

13 (14) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
14 shall implement sufficient controls over the handling of resident  
15 member funds to ensure the release of funds within 3 business days  
16 upon the resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a  
17 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting  
18 of that resident member's funds within 10 business days of the  
19 death of that resident member.

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

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

27 (17) The MVAA shall report its findings regarding the state

1 veterans' homes' compliance with the requirements and standards  
2 under this section in a quarterly report to the legislature and the  
3 state budget office. The quarterly reports shall include, but are  
4 not limited to, the following information:

5 (a) Quality of care metrics, including:

6 (i) The number of patient care hours and staffing levels  
7 measured against USDVA-VHA standards.

8 (ii) Sentinel events reported to the USDVA.

9 (iii) Fall and wound reports.

10 (iv) Complaint reports, including abuse and neglect complaints  
11 and outcomes of complaint investigations.

12 (v) Additional minimum data set quality of care indicators  
13 used to measure quality of care in long-term care facilities.

14 (b) Quarterly budget update.

15 (c) An accounting of resident member populations at the Grand  
16 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans as follows:

17 (i) By demographics, including period of service, gender, and  
18 age.

19 (ii) By care setting, payment source, and associated revenue  
20 projections.

21 (d) Updates related to the modernization of the Grand Rapids  
22 and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans, including information  
23 related to the following:

24 (i) Infrastructure/capital outlay improvements.

25 (ii) Information technology updates.

26 (iii) Financial management.

27 (e) Updates on corrective action status related to any audit

1 and survey findings until such findings have been fully addressed.

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

8 (19) The MVAA shall provide to the legislature and the state  
9 budget office quarterly reports regarding the status of Medicaid  
10 certification efforts, including, but not limited to, descriptions  
11 of incremental milestones, associated expenditures, and the percent  
12 of plan completed.

13 Sec. 502. (1) From the increased funds appropriated in part 1  
14 for the D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans, the department shall  
15 pursue compliance with current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
16 Services certification standards by the end of the current fiscal  
17 year. The purpose of this expansion will be to obtain Medicaid  
18 certification during fiscal year 2016-2017, to increase the ability  
19 to fully utilize all federal funding available to cover the cost of  
20 care of eligible veterans living at DJJHV, and to improve overall  
21 quality of care for all veterans living at DJJHV.

22 (2) The department shall identify specific outcomes and  
23 performance measures for this initiative, including, but not  
24 limited to, the following:

25 (a) The quality of care to members of DJJHV shall increase as  
26 a result of increased direct care staffing ratios.

27 (b) The quality of the care environment at DJJHV shall

1 increase as a result of facility updates made according to Medicaid  
2 specifications to increase members' access to private and semi-  
3 private accommodations.

4 (c) The quality of care for members of DJJHV shall increase as  
5 a result of increased ability efforts to implement long-term care  
6 evidence-based best practices at DJJHV.

7 (d) The collection of available federal Medicaid revenue shall  
8 increase as a result of Medicaid certification.

9 (e) The fiscal stability of DJJHV shall improve due to  
10 increased efforts to collect available federal revenue.

11 Sec. 503. The department shall ensure that the quality of care  
12 for members of the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for  
13 veterans shall exceed the current quality of care for the full  
14 spectrum of health care services as a result of the upgrades made  
15 to the homes to meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
16 certification standards. The department shall provide a quarterly  
17 report to the subcommittees which contains evidence that the  
18 quality of care for the full spectrum of health care services has  
19 improved due to those upgrades.

#### 20 **BOARD OF MANAGERS (VETERANS HOMES)**

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

#### 26 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

**1 SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - NATIONAL GUARD**

2           Sec. 601. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special  
3 maintenance - National Guard shall be carried forward at the end of  
4 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and  
5 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

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

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

**20 SPECIAL MAINTENANCE - VETERANS' HOMES**

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

25           (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans'  
26 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of  
27 section 501 and shall be expended according to the maintenance

1 priorities of the department to repair and modernize the state's  
2 veterans' homes, which may include projects such as roof, HVAC, or  
3 boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility expansion,  
4 improvements to parking facilities, and other projects designed to  
5 enhance the quality of life and medical care of members.

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

## 12 **LAND AND ACQUISITIONS**

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

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

## 19 **VETERANS' HOMES PLANNING**

20 Sec. 605. (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for veterans' homes  
21 planning shall be used for the purposes of improving this state's  
22 services in providing homes for veterans, which includes, but is  
23 not limited to, the following:

24 (a) Developing a long-term plan for this state's veterans'  
25 homes.

26 (b) The acquisition of land or facilities for the purpose of  
27 expanding upon existing veterans' homes or creating new veterans'

1 homes.

2 (c) Constructing 1 or more new veterans' homes.

3 (d) Renovation of an existing veterans' home, in whole or in  
4 part, or its associated facilities and infrastructure.

5 (2) The department shall issue a report quarterly regarding  
6 the progress of any project undertaken utilizing funds appropriated  
7 for veterans' homes planning to the chairs of the house and senate  
8 standing committees on appropriations, the subcommittees, and the  
9 house and senate fiscal agencies.

10 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

11 **ARMORY MAINTENANCE**

12 Sec. 701. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for armory  
13 maintenance shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year  
14 consistent with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984  
15 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

16 (2) The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be  
17 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and  
18 304 and shall be expended according to the maintenance priorities  
19 of the department to repair and modernize military training sites  
20 and support facilities, including armories.

21 **PART 2A**

22 **PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS**

23 **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018**

24 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

25 Sec. 1201. It is the intent of the legislature to provide

1 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2018 for  
2 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2017-2018  
3 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal  
4 year 2016-2017, excluding appropriations designated as one-time  
5 appropriations and adjusting for changes in caseload and related  
6 costs, federal fund match rates, economic factors, and available  
7 revenue. These adjustments will be determined after the January  
8 2017 consensus revenue estimating conference.

9       Sec. 1202. The veterans affairs agency shall provide the  
10 percentage of Michigan veterans contacted, with a goal of 100%, and  
11 report upon those outreach findings to the subcommittees at  
12 quarterly legislative hearings.

13       Sec. 1203. The veterans affairs agency shall maintain a  
14 minimum 50% fully developed claims as determined by the USDVA.