

FIRST CONFERENCE REPORT

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

House Bill No. 5570, entitled

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019; 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, 2019; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

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LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, from the following funds:

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions9.0
Full-time equated classified positions912.5

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	192,564,300
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
3	IDG from department of state police.....		101,800
4	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
5	transfers		101,800
6	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	192,462,500
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Other federal revenues.....		98,170,200
9	Total federal revenues.....		98,170,200
10	Special revenue funds:		
11	Local revenues.....		1,545,400
12	Total local revenues.....		1,545,400
13	Private revenues.....		630,000
14	Total private revenues.....		630,000
15	Other state restricted revenues.....		23,279,500
16	Total other state restricted revenues.....		23,279,500
17	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	68,837,400
18	State general fund/general purpose schedule:		
19	Ongoing state general fund/general		
20	purpose		66,962,400
21	One-time state general fund/general		
22	purpose		1,875,000
23	Sec. 102. MILITARY		
24	Full-time equated unclassified positions		9.0
25	Full-time equated classified positions		341.0
26	Unclassified salaries--9.0 FTE positions.....	\$	1,497,700
27	Departmentwide.....		1,876,300

1	Headquarters and armories--86.0 FTE positions.....	17,452,100
2	Michigan youth challenge academy--50.0 FTE positions..	5,323,000
3	Military family relief fund.....	600,000
4	Military training sites and support	
5	facilities--203.0 FTE positions	34,911,300
6	National Guard operations.....	398,200
7	National Guard tuition assistance fund--2.0 FTE	
8	positions	6,506,700
9	Starbase grant.....	<u>2,322,000</u>
10	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 70,887,300
11	Appropriated from:	
12	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
13	IDG from department of state police.....	101,800
14	Federal revenues:	
15	Other federal revenues.....	47,661,000
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Local revenues.....	1,545,400
18	Private revenues.....	90,000
19	Other state restricted revenues.....	2,433,200
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 19,055,900
21	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY	
22	Full-time equated classified positions224.5	
23	Board of managers (veterans homes).....	\$ 940,000
24	D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--179.5 FTE positions.	23,687,200
25	Michigan veterans affairs agency	
26	administration--39.0 FTE positions	7,136,500
27	Michigan veterans facility authority.....	1,000,000

1	Veterans trust fund administration--6.0 FTE positions.	1,480,100
2	Veterans trust fund grants.....	3,746,500
3	Targeted grants.....	200,000
4	Veterans service grants.....	3,835,500
5	County veteran service fund.....	<u>2,100,000</u>
6	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 44,125,800
7	Appropriated from:	
8	Federal revenues:	
9	Other federal revenues.....	8,516,300
10	Special revenue funds:	
11	Private revenues.....	540,000
12	Other state restricted revenues.....	10,833,900
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 24,235,600
14	Sec. 104. GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS	
15	Full-time equated classified positions347.0	
16	Veterans home operations.....	\$ 8,989,700
17	Purchased services.....	10,342,700
18	Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits--347.0 FTE	
19	positions	<u>31,536,800</u>
20	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 50,869,200
21	Appropriated from:	
22	Federal revenues:	
23	Other federal revenues.....	21,413,900
24	Special revenue funds:	
25	Other state restricted revenues.....	6,693,000
26	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 22,762,300
27	Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY	

1	Land and acquisitions.....	\$	2,900,000
2	Special maintenance - National Guard.....		20,000,000
3	Special maintenance - veterans homes.....		<u>500,000</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	23,400,000
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	Other federal revenues.....		20,000,000
8	Special revenue funds:		
9	Other state restricted revenues.....		2,900,000
10	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	500,000
11	Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
12	Information technology services and projects.....	\$	<u>1,407,000</u>
13	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	1,407,000
14	Appropriated from:		
15	Federal revenues:		
16	Other federal revenues.....		579,000
17	Special revenue funds:		
18	Other state restricted revenues.....		419,400
19	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	408,600
20	Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
21	Armory maintenance.....	\$	1,000,000
22	Vietnam veterans outreach.....		600,000
23	Grand Rapids home for veterans video monitoring		
24	pilot project		<u>275,000</u>
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	1,875,000
26	Appropriated from:		
27	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	1,875,000

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for fiscal year 2018-2019 is \$92,116,900.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2018-2019 is \$2,242,400.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

County veteran service fund.....	\$	2,100,000
Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.....	\$	90,000
Military training sites and support facilities.....	\$	<u>52,400</u>
TOTAL.....	\$	2,242,400

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

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

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

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

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

(d) "FTE" means full-time equated.

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

1 (f) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

2 (g) "Michigan veterans' facility authority" means the
3 authority created under section 3 of the Michigan veterans'
4 facility authority act, 2016 PA 560, MCL 36.103.

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

6 (i) "Subcommittees" means the subcommittees of the senate and
7 house appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the budget
8 of the department.

9 (j) "Support services" means an activity, such as information
10 technology, accounting, human resources, legal, and other support
11 functions that are required to support the ongoing delivery of core
12 services.

13 (k) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans
14 Affairs.

15 (l) "USDVA-VHA" means the USDVA Veterans Health
16 Administration.

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

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

22 Sec. 204. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
23 in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting
24 requirements of this part. This requirement may include
25 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
26 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
27 placement of reports on an internet or intranet site.

1 Sec. 205. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
2 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
3 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
4 services, or both, are available. Preference must be given to goods
5 or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
6 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable
7 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or
8 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan
9 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are
10 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

11 Sec. 206. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
12 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
13 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
14 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
15 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
16 deprived communities for services or supplies, or both.

17 Sec. 207. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
18 in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-of-state travel expenses
19 not later than January 1 of each year. The travel report shall be a
20 listing of all travel by classified and unclassified employees
21 outside this state in the immediately preceding fiscal year that
22 was funded in whole or in part with funds appropriated in the
23 department's budget. The department and agencies shall submit the
24 report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the house
25 and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. The
26 report shall include the following information:

27 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

1 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
2 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
3 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
4 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
5 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

6 Sec. 208. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
7 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
8 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
9 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
10 services for bonding activities and for those outside services that
11 the attorney general authorizes.

12 Sec. 209. Not later than November 30, the state budget office
13 shall prepare and transmit a report that provides for estimates of
14 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
15 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
16 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
17 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
18 shall be transmitted to the chairpersons of the senate and house
19 appropriations committees, the subcommittees, and the senate and
20 house fiscal agencies.

21 Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
22 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 for
23 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
24 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
25 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
26 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

27 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is

1 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for state
2 restricted contingency funds. These funds are not available for
3 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
4 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
5 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

6 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
7 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for local
8 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure
9 until they have been transferred to another line item in part 1
10 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
11 MCL 18.1393.

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

18 Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department
19 of technology, management and budget to maintain a searchable
20 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is
21 not limited to, all of the following:

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

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

24 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
25 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
26 payment description.

27 (d) The number of active department employees by job

1 classification.

2 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

3 Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
4 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the
5 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations
6 chairs, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees chairs,
7 and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on
8 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
9 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
10 fiscal years ending September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019.

11 Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
12 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
13 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
14 improve the department's performance.

15 Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
16 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
17 30, 2019 are estimated at \$17,509,500.00. From this amount, total
18 agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are
19 estimated at \$8,072,200.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree
20 health care legacy costs are estimated at \$9,437,300.00.

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

24 Sec. 216. The department shall provide quarterly reports to
25 the subcommittees on military and veterans affairs, the senate and
26 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office, which shall
27 provide the following data:

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

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

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

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

13 (e) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within
14 established appropriations.

15 Sec. 217. The appropriations in part 1 are for the core
16 services, support services, and work projects of the department,
17 including, but not limited to, the following core services:

18 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

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

20 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

21 (d) Military family relief fund.

22 (e) Starbase grant.

23 (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

24 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

25 (h) Veterans service grants.

26 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

27 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

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

2 (l) Grand Rapids home for veterans.

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

4 (n) Michigan veterans' facility authority.

5 (o) County veteran service fund.

6 Sec. 218. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
7 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
8 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
9 18.1248.

10 Sec. 219. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
11 intention to sell any department real property, the department
12 shall submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees on
13 military and veterans affairs and the senate and house fiscal
14 agencies.

15 **MILITARY**

16 Sec. 301. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
17 funding to support unclassified employee positions as authorized by
18 section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963. These
19 positions include the following: department director - the adjutant
20 general for Michigan; assistant adjutant general - army; assistant
21 adjutant general - installations; assistant adjutant general - air;
22 senior policy executive - Michigan veterans affairs agency; senior
23 deputy director - state operations; director - strategy and policy;
24 chief executive officer for the Michigan veteran health system; and
25 director - Michigan veterans affairs agency.

26 (2) Not less than 30 days prior to the department submitting a

1 request for an additional unclassified employee position from the
2 civil service commission, or for any substantive change to the
3 duties of an existing unclassified employee position, the
4 department shall notify the subcommittees on military and veterans
5 affairs and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

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

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

11 (3) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a
12 quarterly report as provided under section 216 of this part on the
13 status of the armories.

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

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

22 (6) By December 1, the department shall report the following
23 information to the subcommittees on military and veterans affairs,
24 the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office:

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

1 operations.

2 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the
3 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in
4 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the
5 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

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

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

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

15 Sec. 303. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
16 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-
17 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC
18 509.

19 (2) The department shall take steps to recruit candidates to
20 the challenge academy from economically disadvantaged areas,
21 including those with low-income and high-unemployment backgrounds.

22 (3) The department shall partner with the department of health
23 and human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the
24 challenge academy from those youth served by department of health
25 and human services programs. These eligible youth shall be given
26 priority for enrollment in the academy.

27 (4) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources

1 necessary to train and graduate at least 114 students per cohort
2 (228 annually).

3 (5) The department shall ensure individual academic success as
4 measured by the number of individuals who have received a general
5 equivalency diploma, high school diploma, or high school credit
6 recovery or by the improvement of tests of adult basic education
7 scores, or both.

8 (6) Any unexpended private donations to support the Michigan
9 youth challenge academy at the close of this fiscal year shall not
10 lapse to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the
11 subsequent fiscal year.

12 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall provide grants for
13 disbursement from the military family relief fund, as provided
14 under the military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1211
15 to 35.1216, and R 200.5 to R 200.95 of the Michigan Administrative
16 Code.

17 (2) The department shall provide information on the revenues,
18 expenditures for advertising and assistance grants, and fund
19 balance of the Michigan military family relief fund, as provided
20 under section 216 of this part.

21 (3) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other
22 resources to provide outreach to the Michigan families of members
23 of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States
24 called into active duty and to support the processing and approval
25 of grant applications for this fiscal year under the Michigan
26 military relief fund and report those applications as provided
27 under section 216 of this part.

1 Sec. 305. (1) The department shall provide Army and Air
2 National Guard forces, when directed, for state and local
3 emergencies and in support of national military requirements.

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

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

9 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
10 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
11 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
12 training center.

13 (5) The department shall provide the following information as
14 provided under section 216 of this part:

15 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army
16 National Guard.

17 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air
18 National Guard.

19 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
20 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army
21 National Guard.

22 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
23 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air
24 National Guard.

25 Sec. 306. There is created and established under the
26 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
27 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other

1 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
2 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
3 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
4 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the
5 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the
6 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
7 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
8 shall submit an annual report of operations and expenditures
9 regarding the billeting fund account to the appropriations
10 committees of the senate and house of representatives, the senate
11 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office at the end
12 of the fiscal year.

13 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain a National Guard
14 tuition assistance program for members of the Michigan Army and Air
15 National Guard.

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

27 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number

1 of Michigan Army and Air National Guard members participating in
2 the program to 1,100 during the fifth year of the program's
3 existence. To evaluate the effectiveness of the program, the
4 department shall monitor the number of new recruits and new
5 reenlistments and the percentage of those who become participants
6 in the program to determine whether the percentage of authorized
7 Michigan Army and Air National Guard strength obtained and retained
8 is competitive in comparison with the neighboring army and air
9 national guards from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

10 (4) The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in
11 part 1 for the National Guard tuition assistance fund shall be
12 deposited to the restricted Michigan National Guard tuition
13 assistance fund created in section 4 of the Michigan National Guard
14 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.434. All funds in the
15 restricted Michigan National Guard tuition assistance fund are
16 appropriated and available for expenditure to support the Michigan
17 National Guard tuition assistance program.

18 Sec. 308. The department shall maintain the starbase program
19 at Air National Guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC 2193b,
20 to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students,
21 primarily in the fifth grade, in math, science, and technology. The
22 starbase program is to specifically target minority and at-risk
23 students for participation.

24 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

25 Sec. 401. The board of managers and Michigan veterans'
26 facility authority shall exercise certain regulatory and governance

1 authority regarding admission and member affairs at the Grand
2 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans. The board of managers
3 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'
4 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

5 Sec. 402. (1) The MVAA, the board of managers, and the
6 Michigan veterans' facility authority shall provide compassionate
7 and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at the Grand
8 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans so that members can
9 achieve their highest potential of wellness, independence, self-
10 worth, and dignity.

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

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

18 (4) Any contractor providing mental health services to the
19 Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans shall utilize
20 mental health interventions that have been shown to be effective
21 with the conditions they are treating, in accordance with evidence-
22 based best practices supported by the USDVA-VHA, United States
23 Department of Defense, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
24 Services Administration, the American Psychological Association,
25 and the National Association of Social Workers.

26 (5) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
27 assistants (CENA) to the Grand Rapids home for veterans shall

1 ensure that each CENA has at least 8 hours of training on
2 information provided by the home.

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

7 (7) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
8 assistants to the Grand Rapids home for veterans shall ensure that
9 each CENA is competent in the basic skills needed to perform his or
10 her assigned duties at the home.

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

14 (9) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at the Grand
15 Rapids and the D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans by a resident
16 member, a resident member's family or legal guardian, or staff of
17 the veterans' homes received by a supervisor shall be referred to
18 the director of nursing or his or her designee upon receipt of the
19 complaint. The director of nursing or his or her designee shall
20 report on not less than a monthly basis, except that the board of
21 managers may specify a more frequent reporting period to the home
22 administrator, board of managers, agency, subcommittees, senate and
23 house fiscal agencies, and state budget office the following
24 information:

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

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

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

5 (10) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
6 shall provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all
7 resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure
8 that those resident members receive needed services in a
9 professional and timely manner. The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti
10 homes for veterans shall provide all members and staff a safe and
11 secure environment.

12 (11) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
13 shall ensure that they effectively develop, execute, and monitor
14 all comprehensive care plans in accordance with federal regulations
15 and their internal policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care
16 plan is fully developed for all resident members.

17 (12) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
18 shall implement controls over their food, maintenance supplies,
19 pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies inventories.

20 (13) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
21 shall establish sufficient controls for calculating resident member
22 maintenance assessments in order to accurately calculate resident
23 member maintenance assessments for each billing cycle. The Grand
24 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans shall establish
25 sufficient controls to ensure that all past due resident member
26 maintenance assessments are addressed within 30 days.

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

1 shall establish sufficient controls over monetary donations and
2 donated goods.

3 (15) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
4 shall implement sufficient controls over the handling of resident
5 member funds to ensure the release of funds within 3 business days
6 upon the resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a
7 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting
8 of that resident member's funds within 10 business days of the
9 death of that resident member.

10 (16) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted
11 by the board of managers, the Michigan veterans' facility
12 authority, and the veterans' homes related to the administrative
13 operations of the veterans' homes.

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

18 (18) The MVAA shall report its findings regarding the state
19 veterans' homes' compliance with the requirements and standards
20 under this section in a quarterly report to the legislature and the
21 state budget office. The quarterly reports shall include, but are
22 not limited to, all of the following information:

23 (a) Quality of care metrics, including:

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

26 (ii) Sentinel events reported to the USDVA.

27 (iii) Fall and wound reports.

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

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

5 (b) Quarterly budget update as provided under section 216 of
6 this part.

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

9 (i) By demographics, including period of service, gender, and
10 age.

11 (ii) By care setting, payment source, and associated revenue
12 projections.

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

16 (i) Infrastructure/capital outlay improvements.

17 (ii) Information technology updates.

18 (iii) Financial management.

19 (e) Updates on corrective action status related to any audit
20 and survey findings until those findings have been fully addressed.

21 (19) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
22 shall provide to the subcommittees on military and veterans
23 affairs, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget
24 office the results of any annual or for-cause survey conducted by
25 the USDVA-VHA and any corresponding corrective action plan. This
26 information shall also be made available publicly through the
27 department's or MVAA's website.

1 (20) The MVAA shall provide to the legislature and the state
2 budget office quarterly reports as provided in section 216 of this
3 part regarding the status of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
4 certification efforts, including, but not limited to, descriptions
5 of incremental milestones, associated expenditures, and the
6 percentage of plan completed.

7 (21) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Grand Rapids
8 home for veterans video monitoring pilot project, \$275,000.00 may
9 be expended for a member in-room safety monitoring pilot program at
10 the Grand Rapids home for veterans. The purpose of the pilot
11 program is to determine if a specific, existing video monitoring
12 system can improve member safety and reduce fall rates at the Grand
13 Rapids home for veterans. In order to achieve this goal, the MVAA
14 may contract with a third party that has developed a best-in-class,
15 continuous virtual patient engagement platform that enables both
16 visual and audio monitoring of members. Prior to expending funds
17 appropriated in part 1 for Grand Rapids home for veterans video
18 monitoring pilot project, the MVAA shall provide a report, to
19 include agency recommendations, to the subcommittees and the senate
20 and house fiscal agencies regarding the feasibility of the pilot
21 project with input from industry experts in this field.

22 Sec. 403. (1) From the increased funds appropriated in part 1
23 for D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans, the department shall pursue
24 compliance with current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
25 certification standards. The purpose of this expansion is to obtain
26 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services certification by October
27 1, 2018, to increase the ability to fully utilize all federal

1 funding available to cover the cost of care of eligible veterans
2 living at the D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans, and to improve
3 overall quality of care for all veterans living at the D.J.
4 Jacobetti home for veterans.

5 (2) If the department fails to achieve Centers for Medicare
6 and Medicaid Services certification by October 1, 2018, the
7 director shall submit a written report within 30 days of receiving
8 notification that certification has been denied to the speaker of
9 the house, the house minority leader, the senate majority leader,
10 the senate minority leader, the chairs of the senate and house of
11 representatives standing committees on appropriations, the chairs
12 of the senate and house of representatives appropriations
13 subcommittees on the department of military and veterans affairs,
14 and the senate and house fiscal agencies. This report must provide
15 detailed information, which includes, but is not limited to, all of
16 the following:

17 (a) Reasons why the department failed to achieve Centers for
18 Medicare and Medicaid Services certification by the date provided
19 in subsection (1).

20 (b) A corrective action plan, which must include, but is not
21 limited to, the following:

22 (i) A new date, proposed by the director, for anticipated
23 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services certification.

24 (ii) All outstanding facility upgrades and personnel
25 requirements, with associated cost projections, necessary to
26 achieve Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services certification by
27 the date proposed by the director in subparagraph (i).

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

4 (a) The quality of care to members of the D.J. Jacobetti home
5 for veterans shall increase as a result of increased direct care
6 staffing ratios.

7 (b) The quality of the care environment at the D.J. Jacobetti
8 home for veterans shall increase as a result of facility updates
9 made according to Medicaid specifications to increase members'
10 access to private and semi-private accommodations.

11 (c) The quality of care for members of the D.J. Jacobetti home
12 for veterans shall increase as a result of increased ability
13 efforts to implement long-term care, evidence-based best practices
14 at the D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans.

15 (d) The collection of available federal Medicaid revenue shall
16 increase as a result of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
17 certification.

18 (e) The fiscal stability of the D.J. Jacobetti home for
19 veterans shall improve due to increased efforts to collect
20 available federal revenue.

21 Sec. 404. The department shall ensure that the quality of care
22 for members of the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for
23 veterans shall exceed the current quality of care for the full
24 spectrum of health care services as a result of the upgrades made
25 to the homes to meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
26 certification standards. The department shall provide a quarterly
27 report as provided under section 216 of this part to the

1 subcommittees, which contains evidence that the quality of care for
2 the full spectrum of health care services has improved due to those
3 upgrades.

4 Sec. 405. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report, as provided
5 under section 216 of this part, on the financial status of the
6 Michigan veterans' trust fund, including the number and amount of
7 emergency grants, state administrative expenses, and county
8 administrative expenses.

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

13 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall provide outreach services to
14 Michigan veterans to advise them on the benefits to which they are
15 entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No.
16 2013-2, MCL 32.92. The MVAA shall also do the following:

17 (a) Maintain the staffing partnerships and other resources
18 necessary to develop and operate an outreach program that
19 communicates benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of
20 Michigan's population of veterans, as assessed by annual census
21 estimates, with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access
22 benefit information online.

23 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
24 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
25 fund, and USDVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which
26 veterans are entitled.

27 (c) Provide sufficient staffing and other resources to approve

1 requests for military discharge certificates (DD-214) annually.

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

5 (e) Provide a report, as provided under section 216 of this
6 part, on the MVAA's performance on the performance measures,
7 outcomes, and initiatives developed by the agency in the strategic
8 plan required by section 501 of 2013 PA 9.

9 (f) Provide a report to the subcommittees on military and
10 veterans affairs, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the
11 state budget office no later than April 1 providing, to the extent
12 known, data on the estimated number of homeless veterans, by
13 county, in this state.

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

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

18 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following
19 services:

20 (i) Coordinate veteran benefit counselors' efforts throughout
21 a specified region.

22 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of health and
23 human services and the department of corrections.

24 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic
25 development agencies.

26 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, nonprofit
27 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,

1 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,
2 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the
3 local level.

4 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional
5 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and
6 other service providers to incorporate the provision of information
7 relating to mental health care resources into their daily
8 operations to aid veterans in understanding the mental health care
9 support services they may be eligible to receive.

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

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

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

25 (3) The MVAA shall provide claims processing services to
26 Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims submitted to the
27 USDVA for the health, financial, and memorial benefits for which

1 they are eligible, and shall do all of the following:

2 (a) Report the following information as provided in section
3 216 of this part:

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

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

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

11 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary
12 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county
13 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to
14 provide quality services to veterans. The MVAA shall report
15 information as provided in section 216 of this part on the number
16 and percentage of county veterans counselors requesting training by
17 the MVAA, with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans
18 counselors trained.

19 (5) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for targeted grants,
20 the MVAA shall provide grant assistance to enhance the capacity and
21 capabilities of counties in providing benefit claims assistance.
22 These funds must be used to continue the implementation of an
23 internet-based data system, to increase the number of county
24 veterans counselors, and to increase the number of counties that
25 provide service to veterans through county veterans counselors. The
26 MVAA shall provide a report, as provided under section 216 of this
27 part, on the expenditures and activities of the grant funds

1 directed by this subsection.

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

6 Sec. 407. (1) The MVAA shall disburse grants to achieve agency
7 goals and performance objectives in partnership with counties and
8 VSOs. Grants will be disbursed to fund programs and projects which
9 are determined by the agency to meet agency performance objectives
10 and ensure that grantees communicate the availability of emergency
11 grants through the Michigan veterans' trust fund. In disbursing
12 grants, the MVAA shall do the following:

13 (a) Ensure that each grantee is issued performance standards.

14 (b) Ensure that each grantee uses those funds for veterans
15 advocacy and outreach.

16 (c) Monitor the performance of each grantee.

17 (d) Require each grantee to report quarterly on services
18 provided to veterans and account for all grant fund expenditures.

19 (e) Require that each grantee report quarterly on the number
20 of claims initiated and the number of claims processed by the
21 grantee.

22 (f) Promulgate monthly benchmark requirements, based upon
23 contractual obligations, that each grantee must meet and require
24 each grantee to report on achieving the benchmark requirements
25 quarterly to the MVAA, in order to ensure that each grantee meets
26 MVAA veteran service goals.

27 (g) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees

1 and the attendance rate of grantees, based upon contractual
2 obligations.

3 (h) Ensure that each grantee adheres to the MVAA approved
4 schedule of operations.

5 (i) Report quarterly to the subcommittees and senate and house
6 fiscal agencies on grantee operations monitored under this
7 subsection, as provided in section 216 of this part.

8 (2) Grants awarded by the MVAA shall provide for the
9 following, as developed by the MVAA:

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

14 (b) The payment of an hourly service rate that shall not
15 exceed \$34.00 per hour.

16 (c) A specified number of service hours within each geographic
17 region of this state, with a statewide goal based on both
18 appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 for
19 the grant programs and the hourly service rate under subsection
20 (2)(b). The statewide goal will include service hours provided to
21 eligible incarcerated veterans within 1 year of their earliest
22 release date.

23 (d) Use of an MVAA-designated internet-based claims data
24 system.

25 (3) The MVAA shall report the following information as
26 provided in section 216 of this part:

27 (a) A summary of activities supported through the

1 appropriation in part 1 for grants, including, separately for each
2 service region, the amount of expenditures to date, number of
3 service hours, number of claims for benefits submitted by type of
4 claim, and other information deemed appropriate by the MVAA.

5 (b) The number of fully developed claims, by type, submitted
6 to the USDVA by grantees, with an overall goal of 40% of benefit
7 claims submitted that are considered fully developed by the USDVA.

8 Sec. 408. (1) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together
9 with the MVAA shall provide emergency grants for disbursement from
10 the Michigan veterans' trust fund, as provided under the following
11 program authorities:

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

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

15 (c) R 35.1 to R 35.7 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

16 (d) R 35.621 to R 35.623 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

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

1 number of denied applications, by reason of denial. The report
2 shall also provide an update on the department's efforts to reduce
3 program administrative costs and maintain the Michigan veterans'
4 trust fund corpus to its original amount of at least
5 \$50,000,000.00.

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

9 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

10 Sec. 501. (1) The department shall provide for the acquisition
11 and disposition of National Guard armories, facilities, and lands
12 as provided under sections 368, 382, and 382a of the Michigan
13 military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.768, 32.782, and 32.782a.

14 (2) The department shall provide a listing of property sales
15 and acquisitions as provided under section 216 of this part.

16 Sec. 502. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special
17 maintenance - National Guard shall be carried forward at the end of
18 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and
19 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

20 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - National
21 Guard shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
22 sections 302 and 305 of this part and shall be expended according
23 to the maintenance priorities of the department to repair and
24 modernize military training sites and support facilities, including
25 armories, which may include projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler
26 replacement, interior renovations, facility expansion, improvements

1 to parking facilities, and other projects.

2 (3) The department shall provide a quarterly report as
3 provided under section 216 of this part providing information on
4 the status, projected costs, and projected completion date of
5 current and planned special maintenance projects at the armories
6 and other National Guard facilities funded from capital outlay
7 appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

8 Sec. 503. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special
9 maintenance - veterans homes shall be carried forward at the end of
10 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and
11 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 section 402 of this part 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 216 of this part providing information on the status,
23 projected costs, and projected completion date of current and
24 planned special maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids home for
25 veterans and D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans funded from capital
26 outlay appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations
27 years.

1 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

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

6 (2) The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be
7 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and
8 305 of this part and shall be expended according to the maintenance
9 priorities of the department to repair and modernize military
10 training sites and support facilities, including armories.

11 Sec. 602. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for Vietnam
12 veterans outreach shall be used by the MVAA for outreach and
13 awareness campaigns for targeting Vietnam veterans and their
14 families, to locate and inform them that they are still eligible
15 for health and other benefits from the USDVA, some of which have
16 only recently been established, and to urge them to connect to
17 their benefits with the assistance of an accredited veteran service
18 officer. Outreach shall be accomplished through Vietnam veteran
19 specific media campaigns and through the coordinated actions of
20 veterans community action teams, veterans services officers, county
21 veterans service officers, Michigan veterans trust fund county
22 committees, central MVAA staff, and other organizations that can be
23 recruited to join the effort.

24 (2) The Vietnam veterans outreach project shall include an
25 advertising campaign to educate and inform Vietnam veterans and
26 their eligible family members of benefits available that will reach
27 70% of the targeted audience 4 times each.

(3) The Vietnam veterans outreach project shall increase the engagement of Vietnam veterans and family members by increasing subscriptions to the MVAA Vietnam Quarterly newsletter by a minimum of 5% annually, by increasing calls from Vietnam veterans and family members to the Michigan veterans resource service center by a minimum of 3% annually, and by increasing the number of applications filed by Vietnam era veterans and eligible family members by a minimum of 3% annually.

(4) The MVAA shall assess the efficacy of the Vietnam veterans outreach program by comparing annual benchmarks based upon the stated goals in subsection (3) with the years immediately prior to the establishment of the program for which applicable data are available. The MVAA shall report to the subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies on the assessment of the effectiveness of the program quarterly, as provided under section 216 of this part, on accomplishing the state goals, as well as upon the completion of the program.

(5) Unexpended and unencumbered appropriations for Vietnam veterans outreach shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be carried forward into the subsequent fiscal year.

PART 2A

PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 701. It is the intent of the legislature to provide

1 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2020 for
2 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2019-2020
3 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal
4 year 2018-2019, 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 2019 consensus revenue estimating conference.

9 Sec. 702. 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 on
12 military and veterans affairs at quarterly legislative hearings.

13 Sec. 703. The veterans affairs agency shall maintain a minimum
14 50% fully developed claims as determined by the USDVA.