

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 838

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0
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Full-time equated classified positions	1,055.5
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1	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	349,016,200
2	Total interdepartmental grants and			
3	intradepartmental transfers		\$	101,800
4	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION			348,914,400
5	Federal revenues:			
6	Total federal revenues			189,864,300
7	Special revenue funds:			
8	Total local revenues			0
9	Total private revenues			640,000
10	Total other state restricted revenues			18,794,900
11	State general fund/general purpose		\$	139,615,200
12	Sec. 102. MILITARY			
13	Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0		
14	Full-time equated classified positions	372.0		
15	Unclassified salaries--FTEs	9.0	\$	1,702,500
16	Headquarters and armories--FTEs	86.0		21,931,200
17	Michigan youth challenge academy--FTEs	68.0		9,955,600
18	Military family relief fund			150,000
19	Military retirement			1,457,000
20	Military training sites and support facilities--			
21	-FTEs	215.0		42,898,500
22	National Guard operations			300,500
23	National guard tuition assistance fund--FTEs	3.0		11,521,900
24	Starbase grant			2,322,000
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	92,239,200
26	Appropriated from:			
27	Interdepartmental grant revenues:			
28	IDG - state police			101,800

1	Federal revenues:		
2	DOD - DOA - NGB		61,224,100
3	Federal counternarcotics revenues		100,000
4	Special revenue funds:		
5	Private donations		90,000
6	Billeting fund		1,377,600
7	Military family relief fund		150,000
8	Morale, welfare, and recreation fund		100,000
9	Rental fees		192,100
10	Test project fees		100,000
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$	28,803,600
12	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY		
13	Full-time equated classified positions	52.0	
14	County veteran service fund	\$	4,250,000
15	Michigan veterans affairs agency		
16	administration--FTEs	44.0	7,590,100
17	Veterans trust fund administration--FTEs	8.0	1,167,600
18	Veterans trust fund grants		2,500,000
19	Veterans service grants		4,250,000
20	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	19,757,700
21	Appropriated from:		
22	Special revenue funds:		
23	Private donations		10,000
24	Michigan veterans trust fund		3,667,600
25	Veterans license plate fund		50,000
26	State general fund/general purpose	\$	16,030,100
27	Sec. 104. MICHIGAN VETERANS FACILITY AUTHORITY		
28	Full-time equated classified positions	631.5	

1	Chesterfield Township home for veterans--FTEs	115.0	\$	21,267,800
2	D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--FTEs	200.0		25,184,600
3	Grand Rapids home for veterans--FTEs	298.5		23,506,900
4	Information technology services and projects			1,699,800
5	Michigan veteran homes administration--FTEs	18.0		3,432,100
6	Veterans cemetery			85,200
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	75,176,400
8	Appropriated from:			
9	Federal revenues:			
10	DVA - VHA			24,081,400
11	HHS - HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance			1,380,900
12	HHS - HCFA title XIX, Medicaid			11,089,300
13	Special revenue funds:			
14	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous			540,000
15	Income and assessments			11,597,600
16	State general fund/general purpose		\$	26,487,200
17	Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY			
18	Armory maintenance		\$	1,000,000
19	Land and acquisitions			1,000,000
20	Special maintenance - National Guard			30,000,000
21	Special maintenance - veterans homes			500,000
22	New Detroit veterans home construction			100
23	New Marquette veterans home construction			100
24	GROSS APPROPRIATION		\$	32,500,200
25	Appropriated from:			
26	Federal revenues:			
27	DOD - DOA - NGB			30,000,000
28	Special revenue funds:			

1	Michigan national guard construction fund		1,000,000
2	State general fund/general purpose	\$	1,500,200
3	Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
4	Information technology services and projects	\$	586,600
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	586,600
6	Appropriated from:		
7	Federal revenues:		
8	DOD - DOA - NGB		157,600
9	State general fund/general purpose	\$	429,000
10	Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS		
11	Armory modernization	\$	115,000,000
12	Veterans cemetery feasibility study		100
13	Veterans suicide prevention outreach		1,200,000
14	Grand Rapids home for veterans		6,456,000
15	Selfridge air national guard base		6,100,000
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$	128,756,100
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	HHS - HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance		110,000
20	HHS - HCFA title XIX, Medicaid		1,000
21	DOD - DOA - NGB		60,000,000
22	DVA - VHA		1,720,000
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Income and assessments		520,000
25	Lease revenue		40,000
26	State general fund/general purpose	\$	66,365,100

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

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 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$158,410,100.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is \$4,386,500.00. 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	\$	4,250,000
Michigan veterans affairs agency administration		90,000
Military training sites and support facilities		46,500
TOTAL	\$	4,386,500

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) "CENA" means competency evaluated nursing assistant.

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

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

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

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

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

(g) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

(h) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency created

1 under Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

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

5 (j) "MVH" means the Michigan veteran homes as that term is
6 defined in section 2 of the Michigan veterans' facility authority
7 act, 2016 PA 560, MCL 36.102.

8 (k) "Subcommittees" means the subcommittees of the senate and
9 house appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the budget
10 of the department.

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

15 (m) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans
16 Affairs.

17 (n) "USDVA-VHA" means the USDVA Veterans Health
18 Administration.

19 (o) "VSO" means veterans service organization.

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

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

1 Sec. 205. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
2 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
3 following apply to funds appropriated in part 1:

4 (a) Must not be used for the purchase of foreign goods or
5 services, or both, if competitively priced and of comparable
6 quality American goods or services, or both, are available.

7 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
8 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
9 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

10 (c) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,
11 that are manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses owned and
12 operated by veterans, if they are competitively priced and of
13 comparable quality.

14 Sec. 206. The department shall not take disciplinary action
15 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the
16 state classified civil service because the employee communicates
17 with a member of the senate or house or a member's staff, unless
18 the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency
19 taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided
20 by law.

21 Sec. 207. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
22 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department and agencies
23 receiving appropriations in part 1 shall prepare a report on out-
24 of-state travel expenses not later than January 1 of each year. The
25 travel report shall be a listing of all travel by classified and
26 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
27 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
28 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The travel report
29 shall be submitted to the senate and house appropriations

1 committees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state
2 budget director. The travel report shall include the following
3 information:

4 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

5 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
6 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
7 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
8 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
9 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

10 Sec. 208. Funds appropriated in part 1 may be used by a
11 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
12 a person to provide legal services that the attorney general has
13 the responsibility or the discretion to provide. A principal
14 executive department, state agency, or authority may request
15 reimbursement from the office of the attorney general for costs
16 incurred for the purposes of hiring outside counsel to provide
17 legal services.

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

27 Sec. 211. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
28 department shall provide to the department of technology,
29 management, and budget information sufficient to maintain a

1 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that
2 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for each
3 department or agency:

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

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

6 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
7 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
8 payment description.

9 (d) The number of active department employees by job
10 classification.

11 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

12 Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
13 budget recommendation, the department shall provide to the state
14 budget office information sufficient to provide the senate and
15 house appropriations chairs, the subcommittees chairs, and the
16 senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on estimated
17 state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund projected
18 revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the 2 prior
19 fiscal years.

20 Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
21 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
22 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
23 improve the department's performance.

24 Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
25 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
26 30, 2023 are estimated at \$16,989,300.00. From this amount, total
27 agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are
28 estimated at \$10,314,700.00. Total agency appropriations for
29 retiree health care legacy costs are estimated at \$6,674,600.00.

1 Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and
2 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall
3 take all reasonable steps to ensure businesses in deprived and
4 depressed communities compete for and perform contracts to provide
5 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly
6 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract
7 with certified businesses in depressed and deprived communities for
8 services, supplies, or both.

9 Sec. 216. (1) On a quarterly basis, the department shall
10 report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
11 subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the
12 following information:

13 (a) The number of FTEs in pay status by type of staff and
14 civil service classification.

15 (b) A comparison by line item of the number of FTEs authorized
16 from funds appropriated in part 1 to the actual number of FTEs
17 employed by the department at the end of the reporting period.

18 (2) By March 1 of the current fiscal year, the department
19 shall report to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
20 subcommittees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies the
21 following information:

22 (a) Number of employees that were engaged in remote work in
23 2022.

24 (b) Number of employees authorized to work remotely and the
25 actual number of those working remotely in the current reporting
26 period.

27 (c) Estimated net cost savings achieved by remote work.

28 (d) Reduced use of office space associated with remote work.

29 Sec. 217. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent

1 possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work
2 project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.

3 Sec. 218. If the state administrative board, acting under
4 section 3 of 1921 PA 2, MCL 17.3, transfers funds from an amount
5 appropriated under this article, the legislature may, by a
6 concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected
7 to and serving in each house, intertransfer funds within this
8 article for the particular department, board, commission, officer,
9 or institution.

10 Sec. 219. The departments and agencies receiving
11 appropriations in part 1 shall receive and retain copies of all
12 reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state
13 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall
14 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of
15 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

16 Sec. 220. The department shall report no later than April 1 on
17 each specific policy change made to implement a public act
18 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar
19 year to the senate and house appropriations committees, the
20 subcommittees, the joint committee on administrative rules, and the
21 senate and house fiscal agencies.

22 Sec. 221. The department shall provide biannual reports to the
23 subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state
24 budget office, which shall provide the following data:

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

27 (b) The department's financial status, featuring a report of
28 budgeted versus actual expenditures by part 1 line item including a
29 year-end projection of budget requirements.

1 (c) The number of active employees at the close of the
2 reporting period by job classification and departmental branch of
3 service.

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

7 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

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

9 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

10 (d) Military family relief fund.

11 (e) Starbase grant.

12 (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

13 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

14 (h) Veterans service grants.

15 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

16 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

17 (k) County veteran service fund.

18 (l) Michigan veterans' facility authority.

19 (m) Michigan veterans homes.

20 Sec. 223. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
21 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
22 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
23 18.1248.

24 Sec. 224. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
25 intention to sell any department real property, the department
26 shall submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees and
27 the senate and house fiscal agencies.

28 Sec. 225. The department shall report to the subcommittees
29 tentative plans for the required payment of any court judgment

1 against the department, as soon as those plans are developed. The
2 report must include, but is not limited to, all of the following
3 information:

4 (a) A listing of all known court judgments that would result
5 in a financial obligation for the department.

6 (b) The amount of time in which each of those financial
7 obligations must be met.

8 (c) The proposed budget line items from which a payment for a
9 court judgment of \$100,000.00 or more would be made.

10 (d) The estimated impact of the loss of revenue on the
11 programs funded by the line items from which payments would be
12 made.

13 Sec. 227. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
14 department and agencies that receive funding shall do all of the
15 following:

16 (a) Report to the house and senate appropriations committees,
17 the house and senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy
18 offices, and the state budget office any amounts of severance pay
19 for a department or agency director, deputy director, or other
20 high-ranking department or agency official not later than 14 days
21 after a severance agreement with the director or official is
22 signed. The name of the director or official and the amount of
23 severance pay must be included in the report required by this
24 subdivision.

25 (b) Maintain an internet site that posts any severance pay in
26 excess of 6 weeks of wages, regardless of the position held by the
27 former department or agency employee receiving severance pay.

28 (c) By February 1, report to the subcommittees, the house and
29 senate fiscal agencies, the house and senate policy offices, and

1 the state budget office on the total amount of severance pay
2 remitted to former department or agency employees during the fiscal
3 year ending September 30, 2021 and the total number of former
4 department or agency employees that were remitted severance pay
5 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

6 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
7 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of
8 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
9 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
10 benefits.

11 Sec. 228. (1) Any department, agency, board, commission, or
12 public officer that receives funding under part 1 shall not:

13 (a) Require as a condition of accessing any facility or
14 receiving services that an individual provide proof that he or she
15 has received a COVID-19 vaccine except as provided by federal law
16 or as a condition of receiving federal Medicare or Medicaid
17 funding.

18 (b) Produce, develop, issue, or require a COVID-19 vaccine
19 passport.

20 (c) Develop a database or make any existing database publicly
21 available to access an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status by any
22 person, company, or governmental entity.

23 (d) Require as a condition of employment that an employee or
24 official provide proof that he or she has received a COVID-19
25 vaccine. This subdivision does not apply to any hospital,
26 congregate care facility, or other medical facility or any
27 hospital, congregate care facility, or other medical facility
28 operated by a local subdivision that receives federal Medicare or
29 Medicaid funding.

1 (2) A department, agency, board, commission, or public officer
2 may not subject any individual to any negative employment
3 consequence, retaliation, or retribution because of that
4 individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

5 (3) Subsection (1) does not prohibit any person, department,
6 agency, board, commission, or public officer from transmitting
7 proof of an individual's COVID-19 vaccine status to any person,
8 company, or governmental entity, so long as the individual provides
9 affirmative consent.

10 (4) If a department, agency, board, commission, subdivision,
11 or official or public officer is required to establish a vaccine
12 policy due to a federal mandate, it must provide exemptions to any
13 COVID-19 vaccine policy to the following individuals:

14 (a) An individual for whom a physician certifies that a COVID-
15 19 vaccine is or may be detrimental to the individual's health or
16 is not appropriate.

17 (b) An individual who provides a written statement to the
18 effect that the requirements of the COVID-19 vaccine policy cannot
19 be met because of religious convictions or other consistently held
20 objection to immunization.

21 (5) As used in this section, "public officer" means a person
22 appointed by the governor or another executive department official
23 or an elected or appointed official of this state or a political
24 subdivision of this state.

25 Sec. 229. The department shall provide annually to the
26 subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies its updated
27 departmental strategic plan.

28 Sec. 230. On or before December 1, the department shall submit
29 to the subcommittees a report on the department's COVID-19 vaccine

1 waiver requests for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 and
2 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, as of October 1, 2022.
3 The report must include the following information:

- 4 (a) The number of vaccine waiver requests received.
- 5 (b) The number of outstanding vaccine waiver requests.
- 6 (c) The reasons stated for the vaccine waiver requests.
- 7 (d) The number of vaccine waiver denials.
- 8 (e) The number of appeals filed.
- 9 (f) The number of appeals denied.

10 Sec. 231. On a quarterly basis, the department shall provide a
11 report to the subcommittees of the following information:

- 12 (a) The average time, in days, it takes to process retirement
13 requests for members of the National Guard.
- 14 (b) The number of National Guard retirement requests for which
15 the process time exceeded 120 days.

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17 **MILITARY**

18 Sec. 301. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
19 funding to support unclassified employee positions as authorized by
20 section 5 of article XI of the state constitution of 1963.

21 (2) The department shall report quarterly to the subcommittees
22 and house and senate fiscal agencies a list of the current
23 unclassified positions, which shall include the official titles and
24 responsibilities of each position.

25 (3) Upon the department being granted a request for an
26 additional unclassified employee position from the civil service
27 commission, or for any substantive changes to the duties of an
28 existing unclassified employee position, the department shall
29 notify the subcommittees and the senate and house fiscal agencies

1 within 15 days.

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

5 (2) The department shall operate and maintain National Guard
6 armories.

7 (3) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a report
8 biannually, on the status of the armories.

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

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

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

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

24 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the
25 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in
26 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the
27 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

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

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

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

8 Sec. 303. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
9 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-
10 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC
11 509.

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

15 (3) The department shall partner with the department of health
16 and human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the
17 challenge academy from those youth served by department of health
18 and human services programs. These eligible youth shall be given
19 priority for enrollment in the academy.

20 (4) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources
21 necessary to train and graduate at least 114 students per cohort
22 (228 annually).

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

28 (6) Any unexpended private donations to support the Michigan
29 youth challenge academy at the close of this fiscal year shall not

1 lapse to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the
2 subsequent fiscal year.

3 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall provide grants for
4 disbursement from the military family relief fund, as provided
5 under the military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1211
6 to 35.1216, and R 200.5 to R 200.95 of the Michigan Administrative
7 Code.

8 (2) The department shall provide information on the revenues,
9 expenditures for advertising and assistance grants, and fund
10 balance of the Michigan military family relief fund, biannually.

11 (3) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department
12 shall provide sufficient staffing and other resources to provide
13 outreach to the Michigan families of members of the reserve
14 component of the Armed Forces of the United States called into
15 active duty and to support the processing and approval of grant
16 applications for this fiscal year under the Michigan military
17 relief fund and report those applications biannually.

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

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

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

26 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
27 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
28 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
29 training center.

1 (5) The department shall provide the following information
2 biannually:

3 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army
4 National Guard.

5 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air
6 National Guard.

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

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

13 Sec. 306. There is created and established under the
14 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
15 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other
16 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
17 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
18 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
19 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the
20 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the
21 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
22 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
23 shall submit an annual report by December 1 of operations and
24 expenditures regarding the billeting fund account to the
25 appropriations committees of the senate and house of
26 representatives, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the
27 state budget office at the end of the fiscal year.

28 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain a National Guard
29 tuition assistance program under section 3 of the Michigan national

1 guard tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.433, for eligible
2 persons as defined in section 2 of the Michigan national guard
3 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.432.

4 (2) The objective of the National Guard tuition assistance
5 program is to bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment
6 and retention of Michigan Army and Air National Guard members, to
7 fill federally authorized strength levels for the state, to improve
8 the Michigan Army and Air National Guard's competitive draw from
9 other military enlistment options in the state, to enhance the
10 ability of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard to compete for
11 guard members and federal dollars with surrounding states, and to
12 increase the pool of eligible candidates within the Michigan Army
13 and Air National Guard to become commissioned officers.

14 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number
15 of guard members who have received a credential or are still
16 enrolled in the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program
17 after their initial term of enlistment with the goal of 55% of
18 program participants, or at the current 4-year college graduation
19 rate in Michigan, whichever is higher. To evaluate the
20 effectiveness of the program, the department shall monitor the
21 number of new recruits and new reenlistments and the percentage of
22 those who become participants in the program to determine whether
23 the percentage of authorized Michigan Army and Air National Guard
24 strength obtained and retained is competitive in comparison with
25 the neighboring army and air national guards from Illinois,
26 Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

27 (4) Not later than March 1, the department shall provide a
28 report to the subcommittees on the Michigan National Guard tuition
29 assistance program. The report shall include the number of guard

1 members receiving tuition assistance, where those guard members
2 received education or training under the program, the average
3 amount of financial assistance received, the total funds spent on
4 the program, and, in the opinion of the department, after those
5 expenditures, whether any unmet needs remained. The report shall
6 also include performance data regarding the number of guard members
7 denied benefits from the program. The report shall include, but is
8 not limited to, all of the following information:

9 (a) The total number of applications for tuition assistance
10 denied.

11 (b) A delineated list of the grounds for denial and the number
12 of the total applicable to each reason for denial.

13 (c) A list of specific actions undertaken to increase the
14 opportunities for expanding qualified educational and training
15 programs.

16 (d) A list of any educational and training programs removed
17 from eligibility and the rationale for their removal.

18 (e) An explanation of any identified barriers to the
19 successful utilization of funds appropriated in part 1 for the
20 National Guard tuition assistance fund and applicable proposals for
21 legislative action to address those barriers.

22 (5) The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in
23 part 1 for the National Guard tuition assistance fund shall be
24 deposited to the restricted Michigan National Guard tuition
25 assistance fund created in section 4 of the Michigan National Guard
26 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.434. All funds in the
27 restricted Michigan National Guard tuition assistance fund are
28 appropriated and available for expenditure to support the Michigan
29 National Guard tuition assistance program.

1 Sec. 308. The department shall maintain the starbase program
2 at Air National Guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC 2193b,
3 to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students,
4 primarily in the fifth grade, in math, science, and technology. The
5 starbase program is to specifically target minority and at-risk
6 students for participation.

7 Sec. 309. There is created and established under the
8 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
9 be known as the test project fees account. All of the fees and
10 other revenues generated from the operation of the test project
11 program shall be deposited in the test project fees account. Funds
12 in the account shall be available for expenditure for the support
13 of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money remaining in
14 the account at the end of the year shall not lapse and shall carry
15 forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

16 Sec. 310. The morale, welfare, and recreation fund is created
17 within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or
18 other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state
19 treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state
20 treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
21 investments. The department shall be the administrator of the fund
22 for auditing purposes. All of the fees and other revenues generated
23 from the operation of the morale, welfare, and recreation program
24 shall be deposited in the morale, welfare, and recreation fund
25 account. Money in the fund shall be available for expenditure for
26 the support of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money
27 remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not lapse and
28 shall carry forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

29 Sec. 311. There is created and established under the

1 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
2 be known as the rental fees account. All of the fees and other
3 revenues generated from the operation of the rental fees program
4 shall be deposited in the rental fees account. Money in the account
5 shall be available for expenditure for the support of program
6 operations as appropriated in part 1. Money remaining in the
7 account at the end of the year shall not lapse and shall carry
8 forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

9 Sec. 312. On December 1, the department shall send a report to
10 the subcommittees and the house and senate fiscal agencies on the
11 amount of funds from appropriations in part 1 that will be made
12 available to the Michigan volunteer defense force in the current
13 fiscal year and any restrictions and stipulations made on those
14 funds. The report must include an explanation for the amount of
15 funds made available to the Michigan volunteer defense forces and
16 for any restrictions or stipulations made on those funds.

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18 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

19 Sec. 405. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report biannually on
20 the financial status of the Michigan veterans' trust fund,
21 including the number and amount of emergency grants, state
22 operating and administrative expenses, and county administrative
23 expenses.

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

28 (3) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together with the
29 MVAA shall provide emergency grants for disbursement from the

1 Michigan veterans' trust fund, as provided under the following
2 program authorities:

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

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

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

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

8 (4) No later than February 1, the MVAA shall provide a
9 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,
10 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the
11 emergency grant program, including details concerning the
12 methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant
13 program authorized agents, a description of how the emergency grant
14 program is administered in each county, and a detailed breakdown of
15 trust fund expenditures for that year, including the amount
16 distributed to each county for operating costs, administrative
17 costs and emergency grants. The report shall also include the
18 number of approved applications, by category of assistance, and the
19 number of denied applications, by reason of denial. The report
20 shall also provide an update on the department's efforts to reduce
21 program administrative costs and maintain the Michigan veterans'
22 trust fund corpus at or above its original amount of at least
23 \$50,000,000.00.

24 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall provide outreach services to
25 Michigan veterans to advise them on the benefits to which they are
26 entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No.
27 2013-2, MCL 32.92. The MVAA shall also do the following:

28 (a) Develop and operate an outreach program that communicates
29 benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of Michigan's

1 population of veterans, as assessed by annual census estimates,
2 with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access benefit
3 information online.

4 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
5 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
6 fund, and USDVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which
7 veterans are entitled.

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

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

13 (e) Provide a report biannually to the subcommittees, the
14 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office
15 providing, to the extent known, data on the estimated number of
16 homeless veterans, by county, in this state.

17 (f) Provide the percentage of Michigan veterans contacted
18 through its outreach programs, with a goal of 90%, and report that
19 percentage to the subcommittees biannually on the status of
20 outreach.

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

23 (a) The MVAA shall coordinate with veteran benefit counselors
24 throughout a specified region.

25 (b) The MVAA shall coordinate services with the department of
26 health and human services and the department of corrections.

27 (c) The MVAA shall coordinate with regional workforce and
28 economic development agencies.

29 (d) The MVAA shall coordinate activities among local

1 foundations, nonprofit organizations, and community groups to
2 improve accessibility, enrollment, and utilization of the array of
3 health care, education, employment assistance, and quality of life
4 services provided at the local level.

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

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

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

20 (h) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers and
21 VSO service officers receive appropriate training in processing
22 applications for benefits payable to veterans due to military
23 sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety,
24 substance abuse, or other mental 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
28 they are eligible, and shall do both of the following:

29 (a) Report biannually on the number of benefit claims, by

1 type, submitted to the USDVA by MVAA.

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

4 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary
5 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county
6 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to
7 provide quality services to veterans. The MVAA shall report
8 information biannually on the number and percentage of county
9 veterans counselors trained by the MVAA, and the number and
10 percentage who received funding from the MVAA to attend training,
11 with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans counselors trained.

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

16 Sec. 407. (1) The MVAA shall disburse grants to achieve agency
17 goals and performance objectives in partnership with counties,
18 VSOs, and tribal governments. Grants must be disbursed to fund
19 programs and projects that are determined by the agency to meet
20 agency performance objectives and ensure that grantees communicate
21 the availability of emergency grants through the Michigan veterans'
22 trust fund. In disbursing grants, the MVAA shall do all of the
23 following:

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

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

27 (c) Monitor the performance of each grantee.

28 (d) Require each grantee to report not less than quarterly on
29 services provided to veterans and account for all grant fund

1 expenditures.

2 (e) Require that each grantee report not less than quarterly
3 both of the following:

4 (i) The number and type of claims originated and submitted by
5 the grantee to the USDVA.

6 (ii) The number and type of claims originated by an
7 organization other than the grantee and submitted by the grantee to
8 the USDVA.

9 (f) Promulgate monthly benchmark requirements, based upon
10 contractual obligations, that each grantee must meet and require
11 each grantee to report on achieving the benchmark requirements not
12 less than quarterly to the MVAA, in order to ensure that each
13 grantee meets MVAA veteran service goals.

14 (g) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees
15 and the attendance rate of grantees, based upon contractual
16 obligations.

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

19 (i) Report biannually to the subcommittees and senate and
20 house fiscal agencies on grantee operations monitored under this
21 subsection.

22 (2) Grants awarded to a VSO by the MVAA shall provide for the
23 following, as developed by the MVAA:

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

28 (b) A specified number of service hours within each geographic
29 region of this state, including a statewide goal for service hours

1 provided to incarcerated veterans who are within 1 year of their
2 earliest release date.

3 (c) Use of an MVAA-designated internet-based claims data
4 system.

5 (3) Biannually, the MVAA shall report a summary of activities
6 supported through the appropriation in part 1 for grants, including
7 the amount of expenditures to date, number of service hours, number
8 of claims for benefits submitted by type of claim, and other
9 information deemed appropriate by the MVAA.

10 Sec. 409. (1) The department shall enter into an interagency
11 agreement in cooperation with the department of health and human
12 services in order to work with the federal public assistance
13 reporting information system to identify Medicaid recipients who
14 are veterans and who may be eligible for federal veterans' health
15 care benefits or other benefits. The interagency agreement shall
16 include the specific outcome and performance reporting requirements
17 described in this section. The interagency agreement shall require
18 the department to provide all of the following items by January 1
19 for the current fiscal year to the subcommittees, the senate and
20 house fiscal agencies, and the policy offices:

21 (a) The number of veterans identified by the department of
22 health and human services through eligibility determinations.

23 (b) The number of veterans referred to the department.

24 (c) The number of referrals made by the department of health
25 and human services that were contacted by the department.

26 (d) The number of referrals made to the department that were
27 eligible for veterans health care benefits or other benefits.

28 (e) The specific actions and efforts undertaken by the
29 department of health and human services and the department to

1 identify female veterans who are applying for public assistance
2 benefits, but who are eligible for veterans benefits.

3 (2) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, the department of
4 health and human services shall change the public assistance
5 application form from asking whether the prospective applicant was
6 a veteran to asking whether the applicant had ever served in the
7 military.

8 (3) This section does not prohibit the department from
9 entering into interagency agreements with any other public
10 department or agency in this state in order to obtain the
11 information detailed in subsection (1).

12 Sec. 410. (1) The general fund/general purpose funds
13 appropriated in part I for the county veteran service fund shall be
14 deposited to the restricted county veteran service fund created in
15 section 3a of 1953 PA 192, MCL 35.623a. All funds in the restricted
16 county veteran service fund are appropriated and available for
17 expenditure to support county veteran service grants.

18 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for the county
19 veteran service fund, \$200,000.00 shall be allocated to the MVAA to
20 be used to cover costs associated with administering and providing
21 technical assistance to counties for this grant program.

22 23 **MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY**

24 Sec. 451. The MVFA shall exercise certain regulatory and
25 governance authority regarding admission and member affairs at the
26 Grand Rapids, D.J. Jacobetti, and Chesterfield Township homes for
27 veterans.

28 Sec. 452. (1) The MVH and the MVFA shall provide compassionate
29 and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at the Grand

1 Rapids, D.J. Jacobetti, and Chesterfield Township homes for
2 veterans so that members can achieve their highest potential of
3 wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity.

4 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the department
5 shall provide resources necessary to provide nursing care services
6 to veterans in accordance with federal standards and provide the
7 results of the annual USDVA survey and certification as proof of
8 compliance.

9 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for a home operated by the MVH
10 and the D.J. Jacobetti and Chesterfield Township homes for veterans
11 shall not be used for any purpose other than for veterans and
12 veterans' families.

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

22 (5) Any contractor providing CENAs to a home operated by the
23 MVH shall ensure all of the following:

24 (a) That each CENA has at least 8 hours of training on
25 information provided by the home.

26 (b) That each CENA has at least one 8-hour shift of shadowing
27 at the veterans' home.

28 (c) That each CENA is competent in the basic skills needed to
29 perform his or her assigned duties at the home.

1 (d) That each CENA is provided at least 12 hours of in-service
2 training once that individual has been assigned to the home.

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

13 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and
14 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at the Grand
15 Rapids, D.J. Jacobetti, and Chesterfield Township homes for
16 veterans.

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

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

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

26 (8) The MVH shall ensure that they effectively develop,
27 execute, and monitor all comprehensive care plans in accordance
28 with federal regulations and their internal policies, with a goal
29 that a comprehensive care plan is fully developed for all resident

1 members.

2 (9) The MVH shall implement controls over their food,
3 maintenance supplies, pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies
4 inventories.

5 (10) The MVH shall establish sufficient controls for
6 calculating resident member maintenance assessments in order to
7 accurately calculate resident member maintenance assessments for
8 each billing cycle. The MVH shall establish sufficient controls to
9 ensure that all past due resident member maintenance assessments
10 are addressed within 30 days.

11 (11) The MVH shall establish sufficient controls over monetary
12 donations and donated goods.

13 (12) The MVH shall implement sufficient controls over the
14 handling of resident member funds to ensure the release of funds
15 within 15 calendar days upon the resident member leaving the home
16 and to ensure that a representative of a resident member is
17 provided a full accounting of that resident member's funds within
18 30 calendar days after the death of that resident member.

19 (13) The MVH shall post on its website all policies adopted by
20 the MVFA and the veterans' homes related to the administrative
21 operations of the veterans' homes.

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

26 (15) The MVH shall provide copies of each facility's USDVA
27 State Veteran Home quarterly report to the legislature and the
28 state budget office. These quarterly reports shall be posted on the
29 MVH website.

1 (16) The MVH shall provide to the legislature and the state
2 budget office biannual reports regarding the status of Centers for
3 Medicare and Medicaid certification efforts, including, but not
4 limited to, descriptions of incremental milestones, associated
5 expenditures, and the percentage of plan completed until such time
6 certification has been achieved and reported.

7 (17) The MVH shall provide to the subcommittees, the senate
8 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office the results
9 of any annual or for-cause survey conducted by any entity with
10 oversight over the homes and any corresponding corrective action
11 plan for the homes in its system. This information shall also be
12 made available publicly through the MVH's website.

13 Sec. 453. The department shall ensure that the quality of care
14 for resident members of the Grand Rapids, D.J. Jacobetti, and
15 Chesterfield Township homes for veterans shall meet or exceed the
16 quality of care for the full spectrum of health care services to
17 meet or exceed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
18 certification standards. The department shall provide a report
19 biannually to the subcommittees that contains evidence that the
20 quality of care for the full spectrum of health care services has
21 met or exceeded Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
22 certification standards.

23 24 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

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

29 (2) The department shall provide a listing of property sales

1 and acquisitions biannually.

2 Sec. 502. (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 305 of this part and shall be expended according
9 to the maintenance priorities of the department to repair and
10 modernize military training sites and support facilities, including
11 armories, 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 report biannually providing
15 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
16 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
17 at the armories and other National Guard facilities funded from
18 capital outlay appropriations made in part 1 and in prior
19 appropriations years.

20 Sec. 503. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for special
21 maintenance - veterans homes shall be carried forward at the end of
22 the fiscal year consistent with section 248 of the management and
23 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

24 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans
25 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
26 section 452 of this part and shall be expended according to the
27 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
28 the state's veterans' homes, which may include projects such as
29 roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility

1 expansion, improvements to parking facilities, and other projects
2 designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care of
3 members.

4 (3) The MVH shall provide a report biannually providing
5 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
6 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
7 at the Grand Rapids, D.J. Jacobetti, and Chesterfield Township
8 homes for veterans funded from capital outlay appropriations made
9 in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

10 Sec. 504. (1) The appropriations in part 1 for armory
11 maintenance shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year
12 consistent with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984
13 PA 431, MCL 18.1248.

14 (2) The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be
15 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and
16 305 of this part and shall be expended according to the maintenance
17 priorities of the department to repair and modernize military
18 training sites and support facilities, including armories.

19 Sec. 505. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for new
20 Detroit veterans home construction, the Michigan veterans facility
21 authority shall apply to the United States department of veterans
22 affairs for state veteran home construction grants that would
23 provide federal funding for a new home to be located in the City of
24 Detroit.

25 (2) The funds appropriated in part 1 for new Detroit veterans
26 home construction are designated as work project appropriations,
27 and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end
28 of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditures for
29 projects under this section until the project has been completed.

1 Sec. 506. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for new
2 Marquette veterans home construction, the Michigan veterans
3 facility authority shall apply to the United States department of
4 veterans affairs for state veteran home construction grants that
5 would provide federal funding to replace the existing Michigan
6 veterans home D.J. Jacobetti.

7 (2) The funds appropriated in part 1 for new Marquette
8 veterans home construction are designated as work project
9 appropriations, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
10 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
11 expenditures for projects under this section until the project has
12 been completed.

13 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

14 Sec. 602. The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
15 veterans suicide prevention outreach are designated as work project
16 appropriations, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not
17 lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for
18 expenditures for projects under this section until the projects
19 have been completed. The following is in compliance with section
20 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

21 (a) The purpose of the project is to provide outreach to
22 prevent suicide among service members, veterans, and their
23 families.

24 (b) The project will be accomplished by contract.

25 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,200,000.00.

26 (d) The tentative completion date of the project is September
27 30, 2026.