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**SENATE BILL NO. 369**

(As passed the House, May 25, 1999)

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

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

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PART 1

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LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

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Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this act, the

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amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department of mili-

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tary and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000,

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from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the

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appropriations in this part:

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**1 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**2 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:**

<b>3</b>	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....11.0	
<b>4</b>	Full-time equated classified positions.....1,077.0	
<b>5</b>	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 94,962,000
<b>6</b>	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
<b>7</b>	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental	
<b>8</b>	transfers.....	0
<b>9</b>	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 94,962,000
<b>10</b>	Federal revenues:	
<b>11</b>	Total federal revenues.....	32,477,400
<b>12</b>	Special revenue funds:	
<b>13</b>	Total local revenues.....	0
<b>14</b>	Total private revenues.....	375,000
<b>15</b>	Total state restricted revenues.....	22,409,100
<b>16</b>	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 39,700,500
<b>17</b>	<b>Sec. 102. HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES</b>	
<b>18</b>	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....11.0	
<b>19</b>	Full-time equated classified positions.....140.0	
<b>20</b>	Headquarters and armories--105.0 FTE positions.....	\$ 9,803,200
<b>21</b>	Unclassified military personnel.....	760,900
<b>22</b>	Military appeals tribunal.....	900
<b>23</b>	Michigan emergency volunteers	5,000
<b>24</b>	State active duty.....	60,100
<b>25</b>	Challenge program--35.0 FTE positions.....	<u>2,556,100</u>
<b>26</b>	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 13,186,200

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1	Appropriated from:	
2	Federal revenues:	
3	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	3,722,600
4	Special revenue funds:	
5	Armory rentals.....	350,000
6	Mackinac bridge authority.....	40,000
7	State general fund/general purpose..... \$	9,073,600
8	<b>Sec. 103. MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES</b>	
9	Full-time equated classified positions.....229.0	
10	Military training sites and support facilities--229.0	
11	FTE positions..... \$	14,060,700
12	Enlisted per diem payments.....	100
13	Military training sites and support facilities test	
14	projects.....	<u>100,000</u>
15	GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$	14,160,800
16	Appropriated from:	
17	Federal revenues:	
18	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	10,439,900
19	Special revenue funds:	
20	Test project fees.....	100,000
21	State general fund/general purpose..... \$	3,620,900
22	<b>Sec. 104. DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
23	Departmentwide accounts..... \$	2,127,700
24	Special maintenance-state.....	436,200
25	Special maintenance-federal.....	2,302,000
26	Military retirement.....	2,166,900

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1	Counter narcotic operations.....	50,000
2	Starbase grant.....	<u>250,000</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 7,332,800
4	Appropriated from:	
5	Federal revenues:	
6	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	3,824,000
7	DOJ-DEA.....	50,000
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 3,458,800
10	<b>Sec. 105. VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
11	American legion.....	\$ 835,800
12	Disabled American veterans.....	690,900
13	Marine corps league.....	317,300
14	American veterans of World War II and Korea.....	438,500
15	Veterans of foreign wars.....	835,800
16	Michigan paralyzed veterans of America.....	156,300
17	Purple heart.....	149,000
18	Veterans of World War I.....	100
19	Polish legion of American veterans.....	38,900
20	Jewish veterans of America.....	38,900
21	State of Michigan council-Vietnam veterans of America	150,500
22	Catholic war veterans.....	<u>12,500</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 3,664,500
24	Appropriated from:	
25	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 3,664,500
26	<b>Sec. 106. GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME</b>	

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1	Full-time equated classified positions.....	539.0	
2	Grand Rapids veterans' home--539.0 FTE positions.....	\$	38,853,600
3	Board of managers.....		<u>300,000</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	39,153,600
5	Appropriated from:		
6	Federal revenues:		
7	DVA-VHA.....		10,603,500
8	HHS-HCFA, medicare, hospital insurance.....		412,200
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Private-veterans' home post and posthumous funds.....		300,000
11	Income and assessments.....		12,954,100
12	Lease revenue.....		75,000
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	14,808,800
14	<b>Sec. 107. D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME</b>		
15	Full-time equated classified positions.....	153.0	
16	D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home--153.0 FTE positions...	\$	12,356,300
17	Board of managers.....		<u>75,000</u>
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	12,431,300
19	Appropriated from:		
20	Federal revenues:		
21	DVA-VHA.....		3,118,700
22	HHS-HCFA, medicare, hospital insurance.....		306,500
23	Special revenue funds:		
24	Private-veterans' home post and posthumous funds.....		75,000
25	Income and assessments.....		4,198,600
26	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	4,732,500

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1 **Sec. 108. MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND**

2	Full-time equated classified positions.....	16.0	
3	Veterans' affairs directorate administration--	3.0 FTE	
4	positions.....		\$ 341,400
5	Administration--	13.0 FTE positions.....	944,900
6	Veterans' trust fund grants.....		<u>3,746,500</u>
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....		\$ 5,032,800
8	Appropriated from:		
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Michigan veterans' trust fund.....		4,691,400
11	State general fund/general purpose.....		\$ 341,400

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14 PART 2

15 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

16 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

17 Sec. 201. (1) Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state  
18 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources for fiscal  
19 year 1999-2000 is estimated at \$62,109,600.00 in this act and state  
20 spending from state sources paid to local units of government for fiscal  
21 year 1999-2000 is estimated at \$111,900.00. The itemized statement below  
22 identifies appropriations from which spending to units of local govern-  
23 ment will occur:

24 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
25 MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

26	Payments in lieu of taxes.....		\$ 61,900
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1 MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND

2	Veterans' affairs directorate administration.....	\$	<u>50,000</u>
3	TOTAL.....	\$	111,900

4 (2) If it appears to the principal executive officer of a department  
5 or branch that state spending to local units of government will be less  
6 than the amount that was projected to be expended under subsection (1),  
7 the principal executive officer shall immediately give notice of the  
8 approximate shortfall to the state budget director, the senate and house  
9 appropriations committees, and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

10 Sec. 202. The appropriations made and the expenditures authorized  
11 under this act and the departments, agencies, commissions, boards,  
12 offices, and programs for which an appropriation is made under this act  
13 are subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to  
14 18.1594.

15 Sec. 203. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
16 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00 for federal  
17 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until  
18 they have been transferred to another line item in this act pursuant to  
19 section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
20 MCL 18.1393.

21 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appro-  
22 priated an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 for state restricted con-  
23 tingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they  
24 have been transferred to another line item in this act pursuant to  
25 section 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
26 MCL 18.1393.

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

7 (4) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is appro-  
8 priated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for private contingency  
9 funds. These funds are not available for expenditure until they have  
10 been transferred to another line item in this act pursuant to section  
11 393(2) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

12 Sec. 204. A department or agency billed by the department of civil  
13 service for the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the  
14 state constitution of 1963 by the end of the first fiscal quarter shall  
15 pay the total amount of the billing by the end of the second fiscal  
16 quarter.

17 Sec. 205. As used in this act:

18 (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans  
19 affairs.

20 (b) "Director" means the director of the department of military and  
21 veterans affairs.

22 (c) "DOD" means the United States department of defense.

23 (d) "DOD-DOA-NGB" means the DOD department of the army, national  
24 guard bureau.

25 (e) "DOJ" means the United States department of justice.

26 (f) "DOJ-DEA" means the DOJ drug enforcement agency.

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1 (g) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans' affairs.

2 (h) "DVA-VHA" means the DVA veterans' health administration.

3 (i) "FTE" means full-time equated.

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

6 (k) "HHS-HCFA" means the HHS health care financing administration.

7 Sec. 206. (1) Beginning October 1, 1999, a hiring freeze is imposed  
8 on the state classified civil service. State departments and agencies  
9 are prohibited from hiring any new full-time state classified civil serv-  
10 ice employees and are prohibited from filling any vacant state classified  
11 civil service positions. The hiring freeze imposed under this subsection  
12 does not apply to internal transfers from 1 position to another within a  
13 department or to positions that are funded 80% or more from federal or  
14 restricted funds.

15 (2) The state budget director shall grant an exception to the hiring  
16 freeze if the state budget director believes that not granting the excep-  
17 tion to the hiring freeze will render a state department or agency unable  
18 to deliver basic services. The state budget director shall report by the  
19 fifteenth of each month to the chairpersons of the senate and house of  
20 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of  
21 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous month and  
22 the reasons for the exceptions.

23 Sec. 207. Money appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for the  
24 purchase of foreign goods or services if competitively priced American  
25 goods or services of comparable quality are available.

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1       Sec. 208. The department may provide advice and assistance to  
2 nonprofit organizations in the state who seek the acquisition of surplus  
3 military equipment for display or museum purposes.

4       Sec. 209. (1) The director shall take all reasonable steps to  
5 ensure businesses in depressed and deprived communities compete for and  
6 perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both, for the  
7 department.

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

11       Sec. 210. (1) The department shall submit to the department of man-  
12 agement and budget, the house and senate appropriations committees, the  
13 house and senate fiscal agencies, and the house and senate standing com-  
14 mittees having jurisdiction over technology issues, periodic reports on  
15 the department's efforts to change the department's computer software and  
16 hardware as necessary to perform properly in the year 2000 and beyond.  
17 These reports shall identify actual progress in comparison to the  
18 department's approved work plan for these efforts.

19       (2) Beginning with the report on April 1, 2000, the department shall  
20 submit to the department of management and budget, the senate and house  
21 of representatives standing committees on appropriations, the senate and  
22 house fiscal agencies, and the senate and house standing committees  
23 having jurisdiction over technology issues quarterly reports identifying  
24 for the immediately preceding quarter any problems with information sys-  
25 tems, any occurrences of information system failure as a result of non-  
26 compliance with year 2000 standards, and any previously unidentified area  
27 of impact. These reports shall identify all systems needing corrective

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1 action and the contractual obligations of all accountable parties. These  
2 reports shall give the status of the progress made in repairing and test-  
3 ing applications, the status of all vendor-supplied solutions to prob-  
4 lems, information on the activation of manual or contract processes used  
5 to correct problems, and an itemization of the additional costs  
6 incurred.

7 (3) The department may present progress billings to the department  
8 of management and budget for the costs incurred in changing computer  
9 software and hardware as necessary to perform properly in the year 2000  
10 and beyond. At the time progress billings are presented for reimburse-  
11 ment, the department shall identify and forward as appropriate the fund-  
12 ing sources that should support the work performed, and the department of  
13 management and budget shall forward the appropriate funding.

14 Sec. 212. Money appropriated in part 1 for enlisted per diem pay-  
15 ments shall be unappropriated if section 1 of 1953 PA 140, MCL 32.261, is  
16 repealed.

17 Sec. 213. Sixty days before beginning any effort to privatize, the  
18 department shall submit a complete project plan to the appropriate house  
19 and senate appropriations subcommittees and the house and senate fiscal  
20 agencies. The plan shall include the criteria under which the privatiza-  
21 tion initiative will be evaluated. The evaluation shall be completed and  
22 submitted to the appropriate house and senate appropriations subcommit-  
23 tees and the house and senate fiscal agencies within 30 months.

24 Sec. 214. The department shall create and retain reports for all  
25 money appropriated under section 101.

26 Sec. 215. All reports required in this act shall be made available  
27 to the public primarily through Internet access, unless a printed version

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1 is requested. The department shall provide electronic notification to  
2 all legislative offices for specific reports requested by the  
3 legislature.

4 Sec. 216. (1) Of the funds appropriated in section 103 for military  
5 training sites and support facilities, there shall be established a  
6 Michigan national guard education assistance program. Disbursements to the educational assistance  
program shall not exceed \$2,000,000.00 without legislative approval.  
Under the program,  
7 a member of the national guard who is  
8 in active service and who enrolls  
as a full- or part-time student at a public or private state college or  
9 university may be eligible to receive up to an equivalent of 50% of the  
10 total cost of tuition not to exceed \$2,000.00, as education assistance,  
11 in any academic year.

12 (2) An eligible person means a member of the Michigan national guard  
13 who is in active service, as defined in section 105 of the Michigan mili-  
14 tary act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505. An eligible person does not include a  
15 member of the Michigan national guard or air national guard  
16 without leave or who is under charges as described in the Michigan code  
17 of military justice of 1980, 1980 PA 523, MCL 32.1001 to 32.1148.

18 (3) The department of military and veterans affairs, office of the  
19 adjutant general shall administer the education assistance program and  
20 prescribe forms and procedures to effectively carry out the education  
21 assistance program.

22 (4) An eligible person shall apply to the department of military and  
23 veterans affairs, office of the adjutant general for education assistance  
24 and shall provide evidence of attendance and completion of the course of  
25 study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent.  
26 The adjutant general shall approve the application for reimbursement if  
27 the applicant meets the definition of an eligible person under

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1 subsection (2) and other criteria as established by the adjutant  
2 general.

3 (5) The education assistance program applies to any course of  
4 instruction that is included in an associate, undergraduate, or postgrad-  
5 uate degree program offered by a college or university of this state.

6 (6) The education assistance program applies to an eligible person  
7 notwithstanding any other educational incentive or benefit received by  
8 the eligible person under any other educational assistance program pro-  
9 vided by any other state.

10 (7) An eligible person who successfully completes the course of  
11 study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent,  
12 shall be eligible for reimbursement.

13 (8) The department of military and veterans affairs may use funds  
14 from the appropriated funds to administer the education assistance  
15 program.

16 (9) Reimbursed members who do not complete their national guard  
17 obligation shall pay the state for money received from the state for  
18 tuition. Members who fail to repay the state within the time limits  
19 established by the adjutant general shall be indebted to the state. The  
20 department shall work in conjunction with the department of treasury for  
21 inclusion in the tax intercept program for amounts due the state.

22 (10) The amount appropriated in section 103 for the national guard  
23 educational assistance program shall not be expended unless 1953 PA 140,  
24 MCL 32.261 to 32.262, is repealed.

25 Sec. 217. In conjunction with the department of transportation, the  
26 department of military and veterans affairs shall develop plans for the  
27 maintenance, scheduling, and use of all state-owned, noncombat aircraft.

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1 It is the intent of the legislature that these plans maximize the  
2 cost-efficient use of the state transportation air fleet. The depart-  
3 ments shall prepare a joint report, coordinated by the department of  
4 transportation, on the development of these plans.

5       Sec. 218. The department's internal auditor shall prepare a report  
6 on his or her activities during the 1998-1999 fiscal year. This report  
7 shall include a list of each audit or investigation performed pursuant to  
8 sections 486(4) and 487 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
9 MCL 18.1486 and 18.1487. The report shall identify the proportion of  
10 time spent on each of the statutory responsibilities listed in  
11 sections 485(4), 486(4), and 487 of the management and budget act, 1984  
12 PA 431, MCL 18.1485, 18.1486, and 18.1487, and the time spent on all  
13 other activities performed in the internal audit function. The first  
14 report shall be due on March 1, 2000 and biennially thereafter beginning  
15 on May 1, 2001 and shall be delivered to the governor, the auditor gener-  
16 al, the senate and house appropriations committees, the senate and house  
17 fiscal agencies, and the director.

18 **HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES**

19       Sec. 301. Money appropriated in this act for the military duty con-  
20 tingency fund shall be used to fund nonfederally supported missions of  
21 the national guard when called to state duty.

22       Sec. 302. The department may charge a reasonable rental fee for  
23 renting an armory. The fee shall include the cost of overtime compensa-  
24 tion, insurance coverage, and any maintenance required.



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**1 DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS**

2       Sec. 401. Money available from the Michigan national guard armory  
3 construction fund created in section 382a of the Michigan military act,  
4 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.782a, is appropriated for expenditure for the pur-  
5 poses specified in that section.

**6 VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

7       Sec. 501. (1) Money appropriated in section 105 for grants to vet-  
8 erans service organizations shall be used only for salaries, wages,  
9 related personnel costs, training, and equipment for accredited veteran  
10 service advocacy officers and necessary support and managerial staff.  
11 Training shall be provided for service advocacy officers and shall be  
12 conducted by accredited advocacy officers.

13       (2) To receive a grant from the money appropriated in section 105, a  
14 veterans service organization shall meet the following eligibility  
15 requirements:

16       (a) Be congressionally chartered by the United States Congress.

17       (b) Be an active participating member of the Michigan veterans  
18 organizations' rehabilitation and veterans service committee and abide by  
19 its rules, guidelines, and programs.

20       (c) Demonstrate the receipt of monetary or service support from its  
21 own organization.

22       (d) Comply with the department's and the legislature's requirements  
23 of accounting audits, service work activity, accounting of recoveries,  
24 listing of volunteer hours, budget requests, and other requirements  
25 specified in subsection (3).

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1 (e) For a veterans service organization founded after September 30,  
2 1989, be in operation and providing service to Michigan veterans for not  
3 less than 2 years before receiving an initial state grant. During this  
4 2-year period of time, the organization shall file a listing of service  
5 work activity and an accounting of recoveries with the department, the  
6 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the senate and house subcommittees  
7 on military affairs on forms as prescribed by the department.

8 (3) A veterans service organization receiving a grant from the money  
9 appropriated in section 105 shall file with the department a certified  
10 accounting of its expenditures within 120 days after the organization's  
11 fiscal year end. Each organization shall provide a detailed budget  
12 request for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001 to the department  
13 by November 15, 1999 within the format as prescribed by the department to  
14 be used in the development of the budget ending September 30, 2001. Each  
15 veterans service organization shall provide 5 copies of a listing of all  
16 service activity, an accounting of recoveries, and a listing of volunteer  
17 hours for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 to the department by  
18 January 31, 2000. The listing of volunteer hours shall include the  
19 hours, services, and donations provided to residents of the Grand Rapids  
20 veterans' home and the D. J. Jacobetti veterans' home. Each veterans  
21 service organization shall provide a copy of the most recent and com-  
22 pleted internal revenue service form 990 to the department at the end of  
23 the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. A veterans service organiza-  
24 tion receiving a grant from the money appropriated in section 105 shall  
25 use the forms recommended by the Michigan veterans organizations' reha-  
26 bilitation and veterans service committee for filing reports required by  
27 this act. The department shall forward information required under this

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1 section to the senate and house fiscal agencies and to the senate and  
2 house appropriations subcommittees on military affairs.

3       Sec. 502. It is the intent of the legislature that money appropri-  
4 ated in section 105 for veterans service organizations shall include  
5 funding to provide services to veterans of World War I.

6 **VETERANS' HOMES**

7       Sec. 601. Appropriations in this act for the Grand Rapids veterans'  
8 home and the D. J. Jacobetti veterans' home shall not be used for any  
9 purpose other than for veterans and veterans' families.

10       Sec. 602. The Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D. J. Jacobetti  
11 veterans' home, together with the department and the department of man-  
12 agement and budget, shall produce and deliver to the senate and house  
13 appropriations subcommittees on state police and military affairs an  
14 annual written report. The report shall include an accounting of member  
15 populations and bed space available; a description and accounting of  
16 services and activities provided to members; financial information; cur-  
17 rent state nursing home licensure status; the steps required for Medicaid  
18 certification, including a listing of any personnel, equipment, supplies,  
19 or budgetary increases required; and whether or not steps are being taken  
20 toward Medicaid certification. The annual report shall be submitted to  
21 the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on military affairs no  
22 later than February 1, 2000.

23       Sec. 603. The money appropriated in this act for the boards of man-  
24 agers may be expended for facility improvements, the purchase and repair  
25 of equipment and furnishings, member services, and other purposes that

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1 benefit the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D. J. Jacobetti veterans'  
2 home.

3       Sec. 604. The money appropriated in this act for the boards of man-  
4 agers of the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D. J. Jacobetti  
5 veterans' home shall be considered a work project account, and unexpended  
6 money remaining at the close of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the  
7 general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

8 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND**

9       Sec. 701. In compliance with the various veterans' benefit programs  
10 funded by this state, a veteran who is denied benefits as a result of  
11 lack of properly disseminated information or due to misinformation rela-  
12 tive to benefit eligibility shall be provided a review hearing by the  
13 Michigan veterans' trust fund board.

14       Sec. 702. The department may receive and expend revenue deposited  
15 to the Vietnam veterans memorial monument fund created under section 3 of  
16 the Michigan Vietnam veterans memorial act, 1988 PA 234, MCL 35.1053.

17       Sec. 703. (1) By April 1, 2000, the department shall submit to the  
18 senate and house appropriations subcommittees on military affairs a  
19 detailed annual report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund for fiscal  
20 year 1998-99. The report shall include information on grants provided  
21 from the emergency grant program and the veterans survivor tuition pro-  
22 gram, including details concerning the methodology of allocations, the  
23 selection of emergency grant program authorized agents, and a detailed  
24 breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that year. The report shall

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1 also provide an update on the department's efforts to reduce program  
2 administrative costs.

3 (2) The annual report required under subsection (1) shall provide  
4 detailed information on the number of emergency grant applications denied  
5 during fiscal year 1998-99, including an accounting of the reasons for  
6 denial. This information also shall include the number of persons denied  
7 an emergency grant because of individual ineligibility, because of insuf-  
8 ficient funds, and because the applicant's request did not meet minimum  
9 program criteria.

10 (3) The annual report required under subsection (1) shall contain  
11 information on the veterans survivors tuition program, including the  
12 number of participants, where the participants attended school, payments  
13 made to each school, the average grade point and number of college cred-  
14 its earned by each participant, the number of participants suspended by  
15 the program, and the number of participants who earned a degree during  
16 fiscal year 1998-99.

17 Sec. 704. The Michigan veterans affairs directorate administration  
18 and the Michigan veterans trust fund administration shall take steps to  
19 assist the county veterans counselors of the state to obtain training  
20 necessary for the execution of their duties.

21 Sec. 705. The Michigan veterans' memorial park commission may  
22 receive and expend gifts, contributions, and bequests from any person,  
23 public or private corporation, organization, foundation, governmental  
24 entity, or any other source for the purpose of establishing a veterans'  
25 memorial park as described in Executive Order No. 1992-12. Money con-  
26 tributed to the Michigan veterans' memorial park commission shall be  
27 deposited in the state treasury through the department and shall be

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1 available for expenditure. Project costs authorized by this act shall  
2 not exceed the gifts, contributions, and bequests received. Money under  
3 this section and any specific work orders or projects adopted by the  
4 Michigan veterans' memorial park commission in accordance with  
5 section 451(4) of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,  
6 MCL 18.1451, do not lapse at the end of this fiscal year but are avail-  
7 able for expenditure until September 30, 2001. Expenditures shall be in  
8 accordance with methods and procedures approved by the Michigan veterans'  
9 memorial park commission, the department, and appropriate state  
10 agencies.