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House Bill 5522 (S-1)
Committee: Appropriations

FY 2003-04 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$103,097,500
Changes from FY 2003-04 Year-to-Date:	
1. Challenge Program. The Senate included an increase of GF/GP (\$125,000) and \$439,500 in IDG funds to fund two 50-pupil classes of the program for FY 2004-05.	\$564,500
2. Headquarters and Armories, Training Sites. The Senate included additional available Federal funds for maintenance, security, construction, and personnel costs associated with maintaining training sites and logistical facilities.	3,300,000
3. Homeland Security Grant. The Senate included authorization of Federal funds received through the Department of State Police for Homeland Security costs.	300,000
4. Holiday Transit Costs for Troops. The Senate eliminated funding which had been used to assist state-side based troops' travel back to the State for the 2003 holiday season in December.	(100,000)
5. Military Retirement. The Senate provided an increase for State-required military retirement benefits to reflect actual projected costs.	176,000
6. Veterans Service Organization Grants. The Senate included funding for grants to veterans service organizations at the FY 2003-04 level of \$3,912,300 GF/GP.	0
7. Items of Difference. The Senate created a \$100 item-of-difference in each budget line containing GF/GP funds.	0
8. Employee-Related Savings. The Senate included a 5% employee-related savings to assist in the funding of overall FY 2004-05 economic costs.	(2,198,500)
9. Economic Adjustments. The Senate reduced the GF/GP funding for Information Technology by \$82,800 from the Governor and House recommendations.	5,675,300
10. Other Changes.	28,710
11. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The bill is \$82,800 under the Governor's recommended level of GF/GP funding.	
Total Changes.....	7,725,400
FY 2004-05 Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Gross Appropriation	\$110,822,900

Changes from FY 2003-04 Year to Date:

1. **Challenge Program.** The House and Senate rejected new language which the Governor recommended which would require the Department to take steps to insure that at least 75% of the Challenge Program participants are members of families with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal poverty level. (Sec. 302)
2. **Phone Cards.** The Governor, House, and Senate deleted language which requires the State Family Program Office to promote the distribution of prepaid phone cards to guard members and reservists deployed overseas on active duty. (Sec. 303)
3. **Veterans Trust Fund Annual Report.** The Governor, House, and Senate deleted a section which required reporting on grant requests denied during the year. (Sec. 703)
4. **Veteran Trust Fund Board.** The Senate added new language stating legislative intent that the MVTF Board shall only expend interest earnings from the MVTF, per PA 9 of 1946. (Sec. 705)

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