

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
Summary: House Appropriations Committee
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		FY 2007-08	FY 2007-08	FY 2007-08	FY 2007-08	<i>Difference: House Appropriations Committee From FY 2006-07 YTD</i>	
	FY 2006-07 YTD	Executive	Senate Passed	House Appropriations Committee	Enacted	Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$1,664,600	\$1,680,900	\$1,680,900	\$1,680,900		\$16,300	1.0
Federal	53,307,800	54,187,500	54,187,500	56,187,500		2,879,700	5.4
Local	1,253,100	1,283,900	1,283,900	1,283,900		30,800	2.5
Private	1,441,300	1,463,300	1,463,300	1,463,300		22,000	1.5
Restricted	26,796,000	28,428,600	28,428,600	28,428,600		1,632,600	6.1
GF/GP	39,299,200	40,817,500	39,955,500	40,934,800		1,635,600	4.2
Gross	\$123,762,000	\$127,861,700	\$126,999,700	\$129,979,000		\$6,217,000	5.0
FTEs	1,022.0	1,022.0	1,022.0	1,022.0		0.0	0.0

Note: FY 2006-07 figures include the results of supplementals and Executive Order (EO) actions through July 31, 2007.

Overview

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is charged with the training and administration of Army and Air National Guard forces, providing combat-ready military forces during times of national emergency, and performing civil relief operations under the command of the governor during state emergencies. The Department's budget includes administrative and maintenance costs associated with these responsibilities as well as several National Guard-related programs such as the Challenge Program and the National Guard Education Assistance Program. The Department has oversight over the following veterans-related programs: state-licensed nursing care at veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette, grant funding to veterans service organizations, and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

<u>Major Budget Changes From FY 2006-07 YTD Appropriations</u>		<u>FY 2006-07 Original Appropriation</u>	<u>Executive Change</u>	<u>House Appropriation Committee Change</u>
1. Military Training Sites and Support Facilities – Additional Federal Authorization	Gross	\$20,627,800	\$2,316,300	\$4,316,300
House adds \$2.0 million in Federal funds recently authorized for use by the department for Military Training Sites and Support Facilities.	Federal	\$18,011,000	\$735,600	\$2,735,600
	Restricted	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
	GF/GP	\$2,616,800	\$80,700	\$80,700
2. Veterans Service Organizations	Gross	\$3,912,300	\$0	\$117,300
Executive recommended no funding changes for grant funding for the VSOs. <i>House Subcommittee recommends a 3% GF/GP increase for the VSO totaling \$117,300.</i>	GF/GP	\$3,912,300	\$0	\$117,300

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3. Michigan Regional Training Institute		Gross	\$0	\$1,500,000
Authorization for charging fees for the use of the new Michigan Regional Training Institute at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. New boilerplate language establishes the MRTI and creates a fund for operations and maintenance of the MRTI facilities. Government agencies, educational institutions, and various clubs and organizations would pay a fee for use of the MRTI facilities. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	Restricted	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
4. Federal Revenue Increases – Various		Gross	\$0	\$832,000
Provides \$832,000 in funding increases from the Federal National Guard Bureau for communication and personnel costs, security contracts, and for expansion of the Starbase program to Fort Custer in Battle Creek. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	Federal	0	832,000	832,000
5. Grand Rapids Veterans' Home – Various Adjustments		Gross	\$48,144,300	(\$414,500)
Offsets \$163,600 GF/GP with Federal Veterans Health Administration funds; reduces \$21,700 GF/GP from early retirement sick leave payouts; reduces \$22,800 in lease revenue collections; offsets \$466,700 GF/GP with Federal Medicare/Medicaid adjustments; reduces \$370,000 GF/GP for contractual services, overtime, entertainment, and nurse on-call costs. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	Federal	16,018,200	630,300	630,300
	Private	415,000	0	0
	Restricted	15,091,400	(22,800)	(22,800)
	GF/GP	\$16,619,700	(\$1,022,000)	(\$1,022,000)
6. D. J. Jacobetti Veterans' Home – Various Adjustments		Gross	\$15,490,600	(\$800)
Reduces \$800 GF/GP from early retirement sick leave payouts; offsets \$190,700 in federal funds with restricted funds; offsets \$8,400 GF/GP with Federal Medicare/Medicaid adjustments; offsets \$269,000 GF/GP with restricted funds. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	Federal	4,993,900	(182,300)	(182,300)
	Private	125,000	0	0
	Restricted	4,990,400	459,700	459,700
	GF/GP	\$5,381,300	(\$278,200)	(\$278,200)
7. Economic Adjustments		Gross	NA	\$3,295,700
Provides funding for employee economic adjustments. Also includes economic adjustments for Information Technology. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	IDG	NA	16,300	16,300
	Federal	NA	1,463,700	1,463,700
	Private	NA	22,000	22,000
	Local	NA	30,800	30,800
	Restricted	NA	39,000	39,000
	GF/GP	NA	\$1,723,900	\$1,723,900
8. Headquarters and Armories – Vacancies		Gross	\$10,178,900	(\$300,000)
Elimination of four armory maintenance mechanic vacancies. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	Federal	2,717,900	0	0
	Restricted	350,000	0	0
	GF/GP	\$7,111,000	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)
9. Military Retirement – Cost of Living Increase		Gross	\$2,973,800	\$74,200
Provides \$74,200 GF/GP for a federal 3.3% cost of living increase. <i>House Subcommittee concurs.</i>	GF/GP	\$2,973,800	\$74,200	\$74,200

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2006-07

Sec. 207. Privatization

Executive eliminates Department requirement to report privatization plans to the appropriations subcommittees and the fiscal agencies. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 211. Reporting Requirements

Executive eliminates requirement for receiving and retaining reports funded from appropriations in part 1 and for following federal guidelines and state laws regarding record retention. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 213. Armory Closures

Executive eliminates Department requirement to consult with the Senate and House appropriations subcommittees regarding closure or consolidation of National Guard armories. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 214. Military Cemeteries

Executive eliminates legislative intent for funding state military cemeteries in Crawford and Dickinson counties should funds become available. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 226. Disciplinary Action Prohibition

Executive eliminates prohibition of Department from taking disciplinary action against department employees that communicate with the Legislature. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 227. Sale of Department Property

Executive eliminates reporting requirement to the Senate and House subcommittees concerning the sale of any department property. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 228. Contingency Funds

Executive adds new language appropriating \$5.0 million in federal contingency funds, \$2.0 million for state restricted contingency funds, \$100,000 for local contingency funds, and \$100,000 for private contingency funds. *House Subcommittee concurs.*

Sec. 229. Regional Training Center Revolving Account

Executive adds new language creating a new revolving account from revenues generated from government agencies and various groups using the new Michigan Regional Training Center at Fort Custer in Battle Creek. *House Subcommittee concurs.*

Sec. 230. Regional Training Center Availability

Executive adds language specifying the availability of the Regional Training Center to military personnel, various government agencies, educational institutions, nonprofit corporations, community service clubs, and other organizations. *House Subcommittee concurs and adds language to subsection (h) that includes public safety related agendas.*

Sec. 301. Armory Usage Fees

Executive eliminates Department authorization to charge rental and equipment usage fees for armory rentals. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 302. Challenge Program

Executive modifies language by eliminating language identifying alternative sources of funding other than general fund for the Challenge Program and adding language to provide 75% participation in the Challenge Program for members of families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. *House Subcommittee concurs with Executive except for including subsection (3) specifying 75% participation in the Challenge Program for members of families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.*

Sec. 501. Veterans Service Organizations

Executive eliminates subsection requiring reports to the appropriations subcommittees concerning suggestions for enhancing veterans' benefits counseling programs. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 601. Veterans' Home Appropriations

Executive eliminates requirement for the use of appropriations for the two veterans' homes in the state for any purpose other than for veterans and veterans' families. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

Sec. 602. Veterans' Home Reports

Executive eliminates Department report requirement containing census and financial information for the two homes to the appropriations subcommittees. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*

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Sec. 704. County Veterans Counselor Training

Executive eliminates requirement of the veterans affairs directorate and the Veterans' Trust Fund administration to train county veterans counselors. *House Subcommittee does not concur.*