

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 144

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

2 LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

3 Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military
4 and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020,
5 from the following funds:

6 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

7 APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

8	Full-time equated unclassified positions.....	9.0
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9	Full-time equated classified positions.....	924.5
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10	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	205,197,500
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1	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
2	IDG from department of state police	101,800
3	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental	
4	transfers	101,800
5	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 205,095,700
6	Federal revenues:	
7	Other federal revenues	106,177,200
8	Total federal revenues	106,177,200
9	Special revenue funds:	
10	Total local revenues	0
11	Private revenues	630,000
12	Total private revenues	630,000
13	Other state restricted revenues	23,908,600
14	Total other state restricted revenues	23,908,600
15	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 74,379,900
16	State general fund/general purpose schedule:	
17	Ongoing state general fund/general	
18	purpose	74,379,700
19	One-time state general fund/general	
20	purpose	200
21	Sec. 102. MILITARY	
22	Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0
23	Full-time equated classified positions	353.0
24	Unclassified salaries--9.0 FTE positions	\$ 1,558,300
25	Departmentwide	1,761,900
26	Headquarters and armories--86.0 FTE positions	20,688,500
27	Michigan youth challenge program--50.0 FTE positions .	7,580,900

1	Military family relief fund.....	600,000
2	Military retirement.....	1,000,000
3	Military training sites and support	
4	facilities--215.0 FTE positions.....	36,590,300
5	National guard operations.....	398,200
6	National guard tuition assistance fund--2.0 FTE	
7	positions	6,509,900
8	Starbase grant.....	<u>2,322,000</u>
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 79,010,000
10	Appropriated from:	
11	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
12	IDG from department of state police.....	101,800
13	Federal revenues:	
14	Other federal revenues.....	53,577,700
15	Special revenue funds:	
16	Private revenues.....	90,000
17	Other state restricted revenues.....	2,434,900
18	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 22,805,600
19	Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY	
20	Full-time equated classified positions..... 253.0	
21	Board of managers (veterans homes)	\$ 940,000
22	County veteran service fund.....	4,200,000
23	D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--205.0 FTE positions	24,918,600
24	Michigan veterans affairs agency	
25	administration--39.0 FTE positions.....	7,191,600
26	Michigan veterans facility authority--3.0 FTE	
27	positions	1,276,900

1	Veterans trust fund administration--6.0 FTE positions	1,488,300
2	Veterans trust fund grants.....	3,746,500
3	Veterans service grants.....	<u>3,835,500</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 47,597,400
5	Appropriated from:	
6	Federal revenues:	
7	Other federal revenues.....	10,447,800
8	Special revenue funds:	
9	Private revenues.....	540,000
10	Other state restricted revenues.....	10,947,700
11	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 25,661,900
12	Sec. 104. GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS	
13	Full-time equated classified positions.....	318.5
14	Veterans home operations.....	\$ 9,038,900
15	Purchased services.....	10,340,000
16	Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits--318.5 FTE	
17	positions	<u>31,885,400</u>
18	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 51,264,300
19	Appropriated from:	
20	Federal revenues:	
21	Other federal revenues.....	21,565,000
22	Special revenue funds:	
23	Other state restricted revenues.....	6,800,900
24	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 22,898,400
25	Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY	
26	Armory maintenance.....	\$ 1,994,800
27	Land and acquisitions.....	3,300,000

1	Special maintenance - National Guard.....	20,000,000
2	Special maintenance - veterans homes.....	<u>500,000</u>
3	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 25,794,800
4	Appropriated from:	
5	Federal revenues:	
6	Other federal revenues.....	20,000,000
7	Special revenue funds:	
8	Other state restricted revenues.....	3,300,000
9	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 2,494,800
10	Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	
11	Information technology services and projects.....	\$ <u>1,530,800</u>
12	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 1,530,800
13	Appropriated from:	
14	Federal revenues:	
15	Other federal revenues.....	586,700
16	Special revenue funds:	
17	Other state restricted revenues.....	425,100
18	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 519,000
19	Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS	
20	High school reserve officer training corps	
21	program enhancement	\$ 100
22	Veterans benefit eligibility study.....	<u>100</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 200
24	Appropriated from:	
25	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 200

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$98,288,500.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 is \$4,515,000.00. 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.....	\$	4,200,000
Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.....		90,000
Military training sites and support facilities.....		<u>225,000</u>
TOTAL.....	\$	4,515,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (f) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,

1 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
2 payment description.

3 (d) The number of active department employees by job
4 classification.

5 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

6 Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
7 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the
8 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations
9 chairs, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees chairs,
10 and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on
11 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund
12 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the
13 fiscal years ending September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

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

18 Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources
19 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September
20 30, 2020 are estimated at \$17,227,800.00. From this amount, total
21 agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are
22 estimated at \$8,399,100.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree
23 health care legacy costs are estimated at \$8,878,700.00.

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

27 Sec. 216. The department shall provide biannual reports to the

1 subcommittees on military and veterans affairs, the senate and
2 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office, which shall
3 provide the following data:

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

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

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

14 (d) The number of active employees at the close of the
15 reporting period by job classification and program.

16 (e) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within
17 established appropriations.

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

21 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

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

23 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

24 (d) Military family relief fund.

25 (e) Starbase grant.

26 (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

27 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

- 1 (h) Veterans service grants.
- 2 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.
- 3 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.
- 4 (k) Board of managers (veterans homes).
- 5 (l) Grand Rapids home for veterans.
- 6 (m) D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans.
- 7 (n) Michigan veterans' facility authority.
- 8 (o) County veteran service fund.

9 Sec. 218. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
10 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
11 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
12 18.1248.

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

18 **MILITARY**

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

22 (2) Not less than 30 days prior to the department submitting a
23 request for an additional unclassified employee position from the
24 civil service commission, or for any substantive change to the
25 duties of an existing unclassified employee position, the
26 department shall notify the subcommittees on military and veterans

1 affairs and the senate and house fiscal agencies.

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 as provided under section 216 of this part on the status of the
9 armories.

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

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

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

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

25 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the
26 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in
27 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the

1 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

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

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

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

11 Sec. 303. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth
12 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-
13 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC
14 509.

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

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

23 (4) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources
24 necessary to train and graduate at least 114 students per cohort
25 (228 annually).

26 (5) The department shall ensure individual academic success as
27 measured by the number of individuals who have received a general

1 equivalency diploma, high school diploma, or high school credit
2 recovery or by the improvement of tests of adult basic education
3 scores, or both.

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

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

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

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

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

27 (2) The department shall operate and maintain Army National

1 Guard training facilities, including Fort Custer and Camp Grayling.

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

5 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
6 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
7 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
8 training center.

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

11 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army
12 National Guard.

13 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air
14 National Guard.

15 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
16 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army
17 National Guard.

18 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
19 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air
20 National Guard.

21 Sec. 306. There is created and established under the
22 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
23 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other
24 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
25 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
26 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
27 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the

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

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

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

23 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number
24 of Michigan Army and Air National Guard members who have received a
25 credential or are still enrolled in the Michigan tuition assistance
26 program after their initial term of enlistment with a goal of 55%
27 or program participants. To evaluate the effectiveness of the

1 program, the department shall monitor the number of new recruits
2 and new reenlistments and the percentage of those who become
3 participants in the program to determine whether the percentage of
4 authorized Michigan Army and Air National Guard strength obtained
5 and retained is competitive in comparison with the neighboring army
6 and air national guards from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and
7 Wisconsin.

8 (4) Not later than March 1, 2020, the department shall provide
9 a report to the subcommittees on the Michigan National Guard
10 tuition assistance program. The report shall include the number of
11 guard members receiving tuition assistance, where those guard
12 members received education or training under the program, the
13 average amount of financial assistance received, the total funds
14 spent on the program, and, in the opinion of the department, after
15 those expenditures, whether any unmet needs remained. The report
16 shall also include performance data regarding the number of members
17 denied benefits from the program. The report shall include, but is
18 not limited to, all of the following information:

19 (a) The total number of applications for tuition assistance
20 denied.

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

23 (c) A list of specific actions undertaken to increase the
24 opportunities for expanding qualified educational and training
25 programs.

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

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

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

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

19 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

20 Sec. 401. The board of managers and Michigan veterans'
21 facility authority shall exercise certain regulatory and governance
22 authority regarding admission and member affairs at the Grand
23 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans. The board of managers
24 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'
25 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

26 Sec. 402. (1) The MVAA, the board of managers, and the

1 Michigan veterans' facility authority shall provide compassionate
2 and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at the Grand
3 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans so that members can
4 achieve their highest potential of wellness, independence, self-
5 worth, and dignity.

6 (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to
7 provide nursing care services to veterans in accordance with
8 federal standards and provide the results of the annual USDVA
9 survey and certification as proof of compliance.

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

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

21 (5) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing
22 assistants (CENA) to the Grand Rapids home for veterans shall
23 ensure that each CENA has at least 8 hours of training on
24 information provided by the home.

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

1 veterans' home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (14) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
23 shall establish sufficient controls over monetary donations and
24 donated goods.

25 (15) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans
26 shall implement sufficient controls over the handling of resident
27 member funds to ensure the release of funds within 15 calendar days

1 upon the resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a
2 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting
3 of that resident member's funds within 30 calendar days of the
4 death of that resident member.

5 (16) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted
6 by the board of managers, the Michigan veterans' facility
7 authority, and the veterans' homes related to the administrative
8 operations of the veterans' homes.

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

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

18 (a) Quality of care metrics, including:

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

21 (ii) Sentinel events reported to the USDVA.

22 (iii) Fall and wound reports.

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

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

27 (b) Quarterly budget update as provided under section 216 of

1 this part.

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

4 (i) By demographics, including period of service, gender, and
5 age.

6 (ii) By care setting, payment source, and associated revenue
7 projections.

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

11 (i) Infrastructure/capital outlay improvements.

12 (ii) Information technology updates.

13 (iii) Financial management.

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

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

23 Sec. 405. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report, as provided
24 under section 216 of this part, on the financial status of the
25 Michigan veterans' trust fund, including the number and amount of
26 emergency grants, state program and administrative expenses, and
27 county program and administrative expenses.

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

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

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

25 (a) Maintain the staffing partnerships and other resources
26 necessary to develop and operate an outreach program that
27 communicates benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of

1 Michigan's population of veterans, as assessed by annual census
2 estimates, with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access
3 benefit 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, as provided under section 216 of this
14 part, on the MVAA's performance on the performance measures,
15 outcomes, and initiatives developed by the agency in the strategic
16 plan required by section 501 of 2013 PA 9.

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

22 (g) The veterans affairs agency shall provide the percentage
23 of Michigan veterans contacted with a goal of 100%, and report upon
24 those outreach findings to the subcommittees as provided under
25 section 216 of this part on the status of outreach.

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

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

3 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following
4 services:

5 (i) Coordinate with veteran benefit counselors throughout a
6 specified region.

7 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of health and
8 human services and the department of corrections.

9 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic
10 development agencies.

11 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, nonprofit
12 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,
13 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,
14 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the
15 local level.

16 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional
17 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and
18 other service providers to incorporate the provision of information
19 relating to mental health care resources into their daily
20 operations to aid veterans in understanding the mental health care
21 support services they may be eligible to receive.

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

27 (e) The MVAA shall collaborate with the department of

1 corrections to create and maintain a process by which prisoners can
2 obtain a copy of their DD-214 form or other military discharge
3 documentation if necessary.

4 (f) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers, VSO
5 service officers, and regional coordinators receive appropriate
6 training in processing applications for benefits payable to
7 veterans due to military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress
8 disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or other mental
9 health issues.

10 (3) The MVAA shall provide claims processing services to
11 Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims submitted to the
12 USDVA for the health, financial, and memorial benefits for which
13 they are eligible, and shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Report the following information as provided in section
15 216 of this part:

16 (i) The number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the
17 USDVA by MVAA.

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

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

23 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary
24 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county
25 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to
26 provide quality services to veterans. The MVAA shall report
27 information as provided in section 216 of this part on the number

1 and percentage of county veterans counselors trained by the MVAA,
2 and the number and percentage who received funding from the MVAA to
3 attend training, with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans
4 counselors trained.

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

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

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

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

19 (c) Monitor the performance of each grantee.

20 (d) Require each grantee to report not less than quarterly on
21 services provided to veterans and account for all grant fund
22 expenditures.

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

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

27 (ii) The number and type of claims originated by an

1 organization other than the grantee and submitted by the grantee to
2 the USDVA.

3 (f) Promulgate monthly benchmark requirements, based upon
4 contractual obligations, that each grantee must meet and require
5 each grantee to report on achieving the benchmark requirements not
6 less than quarterly to the MVAA, in order to ensure that each
7 grantee meets MVAA veteran service goals.

8 (g) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees
9 and the attendance rate of grantees, based upon contractual
10 obligations.

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

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

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

18 (a) The provision of service to veterans statewide, using a
19 regional service delivery model, with services provided at
20 specified locations and times, including service provided in state
21 correctional facilities.

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

24 (c) A specified number of service hours within each geographic
25 region of this state, with a statewide goal based on both
26 appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019 for
27 the grant programs and the hourly service rate under subdivision

1 (b). The statewide goal will include service hours provided to
2 eligible incarcerated veterans within 1 year of their earliest
3 release date.

4 (d) Use of an MVAA-designated internet-based claims data
5 system.

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

8 (a) A summary of activities supported through the
9 appropriation in part 1 for grants, including the amount of
10 expenditures to date, number of service hours, number of claims for
11 benefits submitted by type of claim, and other information deemed
12 appropriate by the MVAA.

13 (b) The number of fully developed claims submitted to the
14 USDVA, and the number and percentage of fully developed claims
15 submitted that are considered fully developed by the USDVA with an
16 overall goal of 40%.

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

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

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

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

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

8 (e) The specific actions and efforts undertaken by the
9 department of health and human services and the department to
10 identify female veterans who are applying for public assistance
11 benefits, but who are eligible for veterans benefits.

12 (2) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, the department of
13 health and human services shall change the public assistance
14 application form from asking whether the prospective applicant was
15 a veteran to asking whether the applicant had ever served in the
16 military.

17 Sec. 410. The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated
18 in part I for the county veteran service fund shall be deposited to
19 the restricted county veteran service fund created in section 3a of
20 1953 PA 192, MCL 35.623a. All funds in the restricted county
21 veteran service fund are appropriated and available for expenditure
22 to support county veteran service grants.

23 CAPITAL OUTLAY

24 Sec. 501. (1) The department shall provide for the acquisition
25 and disposition of National Guard armories, facilities, and lands
26 as provided under sections 368, 382, and 382a of the Michigan

1 military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.768, 32.782, and 32.782a.

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

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

8 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - National
9 Guard shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of
10 sections 302 and 305 of this part and shall be expended according
11 to the maintenance priorities of the department to repair and
12 modernize military training sites and support facilities, including
13 armories, which may include projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler
14 replacement, interior renovations, facility expansion, improvements
15 to parking facilities, and other projects.

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

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

26 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans
27 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of

1 section 402 of this part and shall be expended according to the
2 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize
3 the state's veterans' homes, which may include projects such as
4 roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility
5 expansion, improvements to parking facilities, and other projects
6 designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care of
7 members.

8 (3) The MVAA shall provide a report as provided under section
9 216 of this part providing information on the status, projected
10 costs, and projected completion date of current and planned special
11 maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids home for veterans and D.J.
12 Jacobetti home for veterans funded from capital outlay
13 appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

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

18 (2) The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be
19 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and
20 305 of this part and shall be expended according to the maintenance
21 priorities of the department to repair and modernize military
22 training sites and support facilities, including armories.

23 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

24 Sec. 601. The appropriations in part 1 for high school reserve
25 officer training corps program enhancement shall be expended for
26 program and facility improvements for the reserve officer training

1 corps program at John J. Pershing High School in the City of
2 Detroit.

3 PART 2A

4 PROVISIONS CONCERNING ANTICIPATED APPROPRIATIONS
5 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

6 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

7 Sec. 701. It is the intent of the legislature to provide
8 appropriations for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021 for
9 the line items listed in part 1. The fiscal year 2020-2021
10 appropriations are anticipated to be the same as those for fiscal
11 year 2019-2020, excluding appropriations designated as one-time
12 appropriations and adjusting for changes in caseload and related
13 costs, federal fund match rates, economic factors, and available
14 revenue. These adjustments will be determined after the January
15 2020 consensus revenue estimating conference.