

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4248**

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. There is appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, from the following funds:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions 9.0

Full-time equated classified positions 1,049.0



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| 1 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | | \$ 235,254,100 |
| 2 | Interdepartmental grant revenues: | | |
| 3 | Total interdepartmental grants and | | |
| 4 | intradepartmental transfers | | 101,800 |
| 5 | ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION | | \$ 235,152,300 |
| 6 | Federal revenues: | | |
| 7 | Total federal revenues | | 134,445,400 |
| 8 | Special revenue funds: | | |
| 9 | Total local revenues | | 0 |
| 10 | Total private revenues | | 100,000 |
| 11 | Total other state restricted revenues | | 14,213,400 |
| 12 | State general fund/general purpose | | \$ 86,393,500 |
| 13 | Sec. 102. MILITARY | | |
| 14 | Full-time equated unclassified positions | 9.0 | |
| 15 | Full-time equated classified positions | 417.5 | |
| 16 | Unclassified salaries--FTEs | 9.0 | \$ 1,736,600 |
| 17 | Headquarters and armories--FTEs | 103.0 | 21,881,000 |
| 18 | Michigan youth challenge academy--FTEs | 68.0 | 10,145,400 |
| 19 | Military family relief fund | | 150,000 |
| 20 | Military retirement | | 1,351,000 |
| 21 | Military training sites and support facilities-- | | |
| 22 | -FTEs | 244.0 | 44,500,900 |
| 23 | National Guard operations | | 300,500 |
| 24 | National guard tuition assistance fund--FTEs | 2.5 | 6,520,700 |
| 25 | Starbase grant | | 2,322,000 |
| 26 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | | \$ 88,908,100 |
| 27 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 28 | Interdepartmental grant revenues: | | |



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| 1 | IDG - state police | | 101,800 |
| 2 | Federal revenues: | | |
| 3 | DOD - DOA - NGB | | 62,274,200 |
| 4 | Federal counternarcotics revenues | | 100,000 |
| 5 | Special revenue funds: | | |
| 6 | Private donations | | 90,000 |
| 7 | Billeting fund | | 1,377,000 |
| 8 | Military family relief fund | | 150,000 |
| 9 | Morale, welfare, and recreation fund | | 100,000 |
| 10 | Rental fees | | 187,300 |
| 11 | Test project fees | | 100,000 |
| 12 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 24,427,800 |
| 13 | Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY | | |
| 14 | Full-time equated classified positions | 60.0 | |
| 15 | County veteran service grants--FTEs | 2.0 | \$ 4,250,000 |
| 16 | Michigan veterans affairs agency | | |
| 17 | administration--FTEs | 50.0 | 9,365,800 |
| 18 | Veterans service grants | | 4,250,000 |
| 19 | Veterans trust fund administration--FTEs | 8.0 | 1,164,400 |
| 20 | Veterans trust fund grants | | 2,500,000 |
| 21 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | \$ | 21,530,200 |
| 22 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 23 | Special revenue funds: | | |
| 24 | Private donations | | 10,000 |
| 25 | Michigan veterans trust fund | | 3,664,400 |
| 26 | Veterans license plate fund | | 50,000 |
| 27 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 17,805,800 |
| 28 | Sec. 104. MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY | | |



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| 1 | Full-time equated classified positions | 571.5 | |
| 2 | Chesterfield Township home for veterans--FTEs | 115.0 | \$ 26,856,500 |
| 3 | D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--FTEs | 200.0 | 23,347,200 |
| 4 | Grand Rapids home for veterans--FTEs | 238.0 | 28,175,400 |
| 5 | Information technology services and projects | | 1,687,900 |
| 6 | Michigan veteran homes administration--FTEs | 18.0 | 3,581,300 |
| 7 | Veterans cemetery--FTEs | 0.5 | 84,800 |
| 8 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | | \$ 83,733,100 |
| 9 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 10 | Federal revenues: | | |
| 11 | USDVA - VHA | | 31,700,100 |
| 12 | HHS-HCFA, Medicare, hospital insurance | | 1,409,200 |
| 13 | HHS-HCFA, title XIX, Medicaid | | 8,808,200 |
| 14 | Special revenue funds: | | |
| 15 | Income and assessments | | 7,572,700 |
| 16 | Lease revenue | | 12,000 |
| 17 | State general fund/general purpose | | \$ 34,230,900 |
| 18 | Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY | | |
| 19 | Armory maintenance | | \$ 1,000,000 |
| 20 | Land and acquisitions | | 1,000,000 |
| 21 | Special maintenance - National Guard | | 30,000,000 |
| 22 | Special maintenance - veterans' facilities | | 500,000 |
| 23 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | | \$ 32,500,000 |
| 24 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 25 | Federal revenues: | | |
| 26 | DOD - DOA - NGB | | 30,000,000 |
| 27 | Special revenue funds: | | |
| 28 | Michigan national guard construction fund | | 1,000,000 |



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| 1 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 1,500,000 |
| 2 | Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | | |
| 3 | Information technology services and projects | \$ | 582,700 |
| 4 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | \$ | 582,700 |
| 5 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 6 | Federal revenues: | | |
| 7 | DOD - DOA - NGB | | 153,700 |
| 8 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 429,000 |
| 9 | Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS | | |
| 10 | Eliminating veteran homelessness grants | \$ | 5,000,000 |
| 11 | GRHV facilities transition funding | | 3,000,000 |
| 12 | GROSS APPROPRIATION | \$ | 8,000,000 |
| 13 | Appropriated from: | | |
| 14 | State general fund/general purpose | \$ | 8,000,000 |

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is \$100,606,900.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is \$4,178,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units of government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

| | | | |
|---|---|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | County veteran service grants | \$ | 4,041,500 |
| 2 | Michigan veterans affairs agency administration | | 90,000 |
| 3 | Military training sites and support facilities | | 46,500 |
| 4 | TOTAL | \$ | 4,178,000 |

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

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

9 (a) "CMS" means the United States Department of Health and
10 Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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

13 (c) "DHHS" means the department of health and human services.

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

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

16 (f) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

17 (g) "MVAA" means the Michigan veterans affairs agency created
18 by Executive Reorganization Order No. 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

19 (h) "MVFA" means the Michigan veterans' facility authority
20 created under section 3 of the Michigan veterans' facility
21 authority act, 2016 PA 560, MCL 36.103.

22 (i) "MVH" means the Michigan veteran homes as that term is
23 defined in the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA
24 560, MCL 36.102.

25 (j) "MYCA" means the Michigan youth challenge academy.

26 (k) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans
27 Affairs.

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

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



1 (n) "Veterans' facility" means that term as defined in section
2 2 of the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA 560,
3 MCL 36.102.

4 (o) "Work project" means that term as defined in section 404
5 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1404, and
6 that meets the criteria in section 451a(1) of the management and
7 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

8 Sec. 204. The department and agencies receiving appropriations
9 in part 1 shall use the internet to fulfill the reporting
10 requirements of this part. This requirement shall include
11 transmission of reports via email to the recipients identified for
12 each reporting requirement, and it shall include placement of
13 reports on an internet site.

14 Sec. 205. Except as otherwise provided in this part, all
15 reports required under this part must be submitted to each of the
16 following recipients:

17 (a) The senate and house appropriations subcommittees on
18 military and veterans affairs and state police.

19 (b) The senate and house fiscal agencies.

20 (c) The senate and house policy offices.

21 (d) The state budget office.

22 Sec. 206. To the extent permissible under section 261 of the
23 management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1261, all of the
24 following apply:

25 (a) Funds appropriated in part 1 must not be used for the
26 purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if competitively
27 priced and of comparable quality American goods or services, or
28 both, are available.

29 (b) Preference must be given to goods or services, or both,



1 manufactured or provided by Michigan businesses, if they are
2 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

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

7 Sec. 207. The department shall not take disciplinary action
8 against an employee of the department or departmental agency in the
9 state classified civil service because the employee communicates
10 with a member of the senate or house or a member's staff, unless
11 the communication is prohibited by law and the department or agency
12 taking disciplinary action is exercising its authority as provided
13 by law.

14 Sec. 208. Consistent with section 217 of the management and
15 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1217, the department shall prepare
16 a report on out-of-state travel expenses not later than January 1
17 of each year. The travel report shall be a listing of all travel by
18 classified and unclassified employees outside this state in the
19 immediately preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in
20 part with funds appropriated in the department's budget. The travel
21 report must be submitted to the recipients required under section
22 205 of this part and the senate and house appropriations
23 committees. The travel report must include the following
24 information:

25 (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

26 (b) The transportation and related costs of each travel
27 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
28 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
29 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,



1 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

2 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used by a
3 principal executive department, state agency, or authority to hire
4 a person to provide legal services that are the responsibility of
5 the attorney general. This prohibition does not apply to legal
6 services for bonding activities and for those outside services that
7 the attorney general authorizes.

8 Sec. 210. Not later than December 15, the state budget office
9 shall prepare and submit a report that provides for estimates of
10 the total general fund/general purpose appropriation lapses at the
11 close of the prior fiscal year. This report shall summarize the
12 projected year-end general fund/general purpose appropriation
13 lapses by major departmental program or program areas. The report
14 shall be submitted to the recipients required under section 205 of
15 this part and to the chairpersons of the senate and house
16 appropriations committees.

17 Sec. 211. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
18 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 for
19 federal contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not
20 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
21 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
22 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

23 (2) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
24 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 for state
25 restricted contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not
26 available for expenditure until they have been transferred to
27 another line item in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management
28 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

29 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is



1 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for local
2 contingency authorization. Authorized funds are not available for
3 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
4 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,
5 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

12 Sec. 212. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
13 department shall provide to the department of technology,
14 management, and budget information sufficient to maintain a
15 searchable website accessible by the public at no cost that
16 includes, but is not limited to, all of the following for each
17 department or agency:

- 18 (a) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by category.
19 (b) Fiscal year-to-date expenditures by appropriation unit.
20 (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,
21 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and
22 payment description.
23 (d) The number of active department employees by job
24 classification.
25 (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

26 Sec. 213. Within 14 days after the release of the executive
27 budget recommendation, the department shall provide to the state
28 budget office information sufficient to provide and submit an
29 annual report on estimated state restricted fund balances, state



1 restricted fund projected revenues, and state restricted fund
2 expenditures for the prior 2 fiscal years to the recipients
3 required under section 205 of this part and to the chairpersons of
4 the senate and house appropriations committees.

5 Sec. 214. The department shall maintain, on a publicly
6 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,
7 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and
8 improve the department's performance.

9 Sec. 215. To the extent permissible under the management and
10 budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594, the director shall
11 take all reasonable steps to ensure geographically disadvantaged
12 business enterprises compete for and perform contracts to provide
13 services or supplies, or both. The director shall strongly
14 encourage firms with which the department contracts to subcontract
15 with geographically disadvantaged business enterprises for
16 services, supplies, or both. As used in this section,
17 "geographically disadvantaged business enterprises" means that term
18 as defined by Executive Directive 2019-08.

19 Sec. 216. On a quarterly basis, the department shall provide
20 to the recipients required under section 205 of this part and to
21 the senate and house appropriations committees a comparison by line
22 item of the number of FTEs authorized from funds appropriated in
23 part 1 to the actual number of FTEs employed by the department at
24 the end of the reporting period.

25 Sec. 217. It is the intent of the legislature that the
26 department maximize the efficiency of the its workforce and, if
27 possible, prioritize in-person work. Each department, agency,
28 board, or authority that receives funding under part 1 shall post
29 its in-person, remote, or hybrid work policy on its website.



1 Sec. 218. The department shall receive and retain copies of
2 all reports funded from appropriations in part 1. Federal and state
3 guidelines for short-term and long-term retention of records shall
4 be followed. The department may electronically retain copies of
5 reports unless otherwise required by federal and state guidelines.

6 Sec. 219. The department shall report no later than April 1 on
7 each specific policy change made to implement a public act
8 affecting the department that took effect during the prior calendar
9 year to the recipients required under section 205 of this part and
10 to the senate and house appropriations committees and the joint
11 committee on administrative rules.

12 Sec. 220. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
13 department shall do all of the following:

14 (a) Report, to the recipients required under section 205 of
15 this part and to the senate and house appropriations committees,
16 any amount of severance pay for a department or agency director,
17 deputy director, or other high-ranking department or agency
18 official not later than 14 days after a severance agreement with
19 the director or official is signed. The name of the director or
20 official and the amount of severance pay must be included in the
21 report required by this subdivision.

22 (b) By February 1, report to the recipients required under
23 section 205 of this part and to the senate and house appropriations
24 committees on the total amount of severance pay remitted to former
25 department or agency employees during the prior fiscal year and the
26 total number of former department or agency employees that were
27 remitted severance pay during the prior fiscal year.

28 (2) As used in this section, "severance pay" means
29 compensation that is both payable or paid upon the termination of



1 employment and in addition to either wages or benefits earned
2 during the course of employment or generally applicable retirement
3 benefits.

4 Sec. 221. Appropriations in part 1 shall, to the extent
5 possible by the department, not be expended until all existing work
6 project authorization available for the same purposes is exhausted.

7 Sec. 222. Money appropriated in part 1 must not be used to
8 restrict or interfere with actions related to diversity, equity,
9 and inclusion; to restrict or impede a marginalized community's
10 access to governmental resources, programs, or facilities; or to
11 diminish, interfere with, or restrict an individual's ability to
12 exercise the right to reproductive freedom.

13 Sec. 223. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay
14 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent
15 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
16 18.1248.

17 Sec. 224. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the
18 intention to sell any department real property, the department
19 shall submit notification of that intent to the recipients required
20 in section 205 of this part.

21 Sec. 225. The department shall report tentative plans for the
22 required payment of any court judgment against the department, as
23 soon as those plans are developed. The report must include, but is
24 not limited to, all of the following information:

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

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

29 (c) The proposed budget line items from which a payment for a



1 court judgment of \$100,000.00 or more would be made.

2 (d) The estimated impact of the loss of revenue on the
3 programs funded by the line items from which payments would be
4 made.

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6 **MILITARY**

7 Sec. 301. (1) The department shall report by September 30 a
8 list of the current unclassified positions, which shall include the
9 official titles and responsibilities of each position.

10 (2) Upon the department being granted a request for an
11 additional unclassified employee position from the civil service
12 commission, or for any substantive changes to the duties of an
13 existing unclassified employee position, the department shall
14 report on these changes within 15 days.

15 Sec. 302. (1) The department shall operate and maintain
16 National Guard armories and implement a system to measure the
17 condition and adequacy of those armories.

18 (2) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a report
19 annually, on the status of the armories.

20 (3) By December 1, the department shall report the following
21 information:

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

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



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

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

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

10 (f) A review of the status of construction activities and
11 expenditures of the armory modernization project funded in section
12 107 of article 10 of 2022 PA 166 and section 104 of 2022 PA 194.

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

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

19 (3) The department shall partner with the DHHS to identify
20 youth who may be eligible for MYCA from those youth served by DHHS
21 services programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
22 enrollment.

23 (4) The department shall maintain the MYCA to graduate at
24 least the target number of graduates consistent with the state's
25 cooperative agreement with the National Guard Bureau regarding
26 program operations.

27 (5) The department shall ensure individual academic success as
28 measured by the number of individuals who have received a general
29 equivalency diploma, high school diploma, or high school credit



1 recovery or by the improvement of tests of adult basic education
2 scores, or both.

3 (6) Any unexpended and unencumbered private donations to
4 support the MYCA at the close of this fiscal year shall not lapse
5 to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent
6 fiscal year.

7 Sec. 304. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the
8 department shall provide outreach to the Michigan families of
9 members of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United
10 States called into active duty on the availability of assistance
11 through the military family relief fund created in section 3 of the
12 military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1213.

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

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

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

21 (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National
22 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,
23 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness
24 training center.

25 (5) The department shall provide the following information
26 annually:

27 (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army
28 National Guard.

29 (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air



1 National Guard.

2 (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
3 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army
4 National Guard.

5 (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including
6 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air
7 National Guard.

8 Sec. 306. There is created and established under the
9 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
10 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other
11 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient
12 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.
13 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of
14 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the
15 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the
16 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
17 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
18 shall submit an annual report by December 15 of operations and
19 expenditures regarding the billeting fund account for the prior
20 fiscal year.

21 Sec. 307. (1) The department shall maintain a National Guard
22 tuition assistance program under the Michigan national guard
23 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.431 to 32.433.

24 (2) The objective of the National Guard tuition assistance
25 program is to bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment
26 and retention of Michigan Army and Air National Guard members, to
27 fill federally authorized strength levels for the state, to improve
28 the Michigan Army and Air National Guard's competitive draw from
29 other military enlistment options in the state, to enhance the



1 ability of the Michigan Army and Air National Guard to compete for
2 guard members and federal dollars with surrounding states, and to
3 increase the pool of eligible candidates within the Michigan Army
4 and Air National Guard to become commissioned officers.

5 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number
6 of guard members who have received a credential or are still
7 enrolled in the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program
8 after their initial term of enlistment. To evaluate the
9 effectiveness of the program, the department shall monitor the
10 number of new recruits and new reenlistments and the percentage of
11 those who become participants in the program to determine whether
12 the percentage of authorized Michigan Army and Air National Guard
13 strength obtained and retained is competitive in comparison with
14 the neighboring army and air national guards from Illinois,
15 Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

16 (4) Not later than March 1, the department shall provide a
17 report on the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance program.
18 The report shall include the following information for the prior
19 fiscal year:

20 (a) The number of guard members receiving tuition assistance.

21 (b) The educational institution from which those guard members
22 received education or training under the program.

23 (c) The total amount of financial assistance received by each
24 educational institution.

25 (d) The total funds expended on the program for financial
26 assistance.

27 (e) The total funds expended on the program for administrative
28 costs of the department.

29 (f) The total number of applications for tuition assistance



1 denied.

2 (g) A list of any educational institutions and training
3 programs removed from eligibility and the rationale for their
4 removal.

5 (h) An explanation of any identified barriers to the
6 successful utilization of the program, or other unmet needs of the
7 program and applicable proposals for legislative action to address
8 those barriers and needs.

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

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

23 Sec. 309. There is created and established under the
24 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
25 be known as the test project fees account. All of the fees and
26 other revenues generated from the operation of the test project
27 program shall be deposited in the test project fees fund account.
28 Funds in the account shall be available for expenditure for the
29 support of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money



1 remaining in the account at the end of the year shall not lapse and
2 shall carry forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

3 Sec. 310. The morale, welfare, and recreation fund is created
4 within the state treasury. The state treasurer may receive money or
5 other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state
6 treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state
7 treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund
8 investments. The department shall be the administrator of the fund
9 for auditing purposes. All of the fees and other revenues generated
10 from the operation of the morale, welfare, and recreation program
11 shall be deposited in the morale, welfare, and recreation fund
12 account. Money in the fund shall be available for expenditure for
13 the support of program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money
14 remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall not lapse and
15 shall carry forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

16 Sec. 311. There is created and established under the
17 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
18 be known as the rental fees account. All of the fees and other
19 revenues generated from the operation of the rental fees program
20 shall be deposited in the rental fees fund account. Money in the
21 account shall be available for expenditure for the support of
22 program operations as appropriated in part 1. Money remaining in
23 the account at the end of the year shall not lapse and shall carry
24 forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

25 Sec. 312. (1) The department shall maintain the guidelines
26 established under section 251(5) of the Michigan military act, 1967
27 PA 150, MCL 32.651, for membership goals in the Michigan volunteer
28 defense force and take all steps necessary to carry out and
29 implement those guidelines.



1 (2) The department shall provide annually by February 1 the
2 report required under section 251(7) of the Michigan military act,
3 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.651.

4 Sec. 313. The Michigan Army National Guard and Air National
5 Guard shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual
6 assault, through an environment of prevention, education and
7 training, response capability, victim support, reporting
8 procedures, and appropriate accountability that enhances the safety
9 and well-being of all guard members.

10
11 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

12 Sec. 404. (1) Money privately donated to the department for
13 the MVAA in excess of the appropriation in part 1 is appropriated
14 and is available for expenditure for the benefit and life
15 enrichment of veterans and for the purpose designated by the
16 private source, if specified and in compliance with this section.

17 (2) Any unexpended and unencumbered private donations to
18 support the MVAA at the close of this fiscal year shall not lapse
19 to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the subsequent
20 fiscal year.

21 (3) The department must submit a report quarterly that
22 provides the amount of private donations received by the department
23 for the MVAA and the purpose for which the funds will be expended,
24 if known. In addition to the quarterly report required under this
25 subsection, if a donation described under this section is
26 \$10,000.00 or greater, the department must submit a report within
27 14 calendar days after receiving that donation providing the amount
28 of the donation and the purpose for which the funds will be
29 expended, if known.



1 Sec. 405. (1) The MVAA shall provide a report annually on the
2 financial status of the Michigan veterans' trust fund, including
3 the number and amount of emergency grants, state operating and
4 administrative expenses, and county administrative expenses.

5 (2) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together with the
6 MVAA shall provide emergency grants for disbursement from the
7 Michigan veterans' trust fund, as provided under the following
8 program authorities:

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

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

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

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

14 (3) No later than February 1, the MVAA shall provide a
15 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,
16 for the prior fiscal year, information on grants provided from the
17 emergency grant program, including the following:

18 (a) Details concerning the methodology of allocations and the
19 selection of emergency grant program authorized agents.

20 (b) A description of how the emergency grant program is
21 administered in each county.

22 (c) A detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that
23 year, including the amount distributed to each county for operating
24 costs, administrative costs and emergency grants.

25 (d) The number of approved applications, by category of
26 assistance, and the number of denied applications, by reason of
27 denial.

28 (e) A description of the MVAA's efforts to reduce program
29 administrative costs and maintain the Michigan veterans' trust fund



1 corpus at or above its original amount of \$50,000,000.00.

2 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall provide outreach services to
3 Michigan veterans to advise them on the benefits to which they are
4 entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No.
5 2013-2, MCL 32.92.

6 (2) The MVAA shall also do the following:

7 (a) Develop and operate an outreach program that communicates
8 benefit eligibility information to at least 50% of Michigan's
9 population of veterans, as assessed by annual census estimates,
10 with a goal of reaching 100% and enabling 100% to access benefit
11 information online.

12 (b) Communicate veteran benefit information pertaining to the
13 Michigan military family relief fund, Michigan veterans' trust
14 fund, and USDVA health, financial, and memorial benefits to which
15 veterans are entitled.

16 (c) Fulfill requests for military discharge certificates (DD-
17 214) upon request.

18 (d) Provide a report annually providing, to the extent known,
19 data on the estimated number of homeless veterans, by county, in
20 this state.

21 (e) Provide a report annually on the percentage of Michigan
22 veterans contacted through its outreach programs, with a goal of
23 90%, and report that percentage biannually on the status of
24 outreach.

25 Sec. 408. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVAA
26 shall provide for the regional coordination of services, as
27 follows:

28 (a) The MVAA shall coordinate with veteran benefit counselors
29 throughout a specified region.



1 (b) The MVAA shall coordinate services with the DHHS and the
2 department of corrections.

3 (c) The MVAA shall coordinate with regional workforce and
4 economic development agencies.

5 (d) The MVAA shall coordinate activities among local
6 foundations, nonprofit organizations, and community groups to
7 improve accessibility, enrollment, and utilization of the array of
8 health care, education, employment assistance, and quality of life
9 services provided at the local level.

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

16 (f) The MVAA shall coordinate with the DHHS to identify
17 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
18 federal veterans health care benefits or other benefits, to the
19 extent that the identification does not violate applicable
20 confidentiality requirements.

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

25 (h) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers and
26 VSO service officers receive appropriate training in processing
27 applications for benefits payable to veterans due to military
28 sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anxiety,
29 substance abuse, or other mental health issues.



1 Sec. 410. (1) The MVAA shall provide claims processing
 2 services to Michigan veterans in support of benefit claims
 3 submitted to the USDVA for the health, financial, and memorial
 4 benefits for which they are eligible, and shall report annually on
 5 the number of benefit claims, by type, submitted to the USDVA by
 6 MVAA and maintain the staffing and resources necessary to process a
 7 minimum of 500 claims per year.

8 (2) The MVAA shall develop and implement a process to ensure
 9 that all county counselors receive the training and accreditation
 10 necessary to provide quality services to veterans and shall report
 11 information annually on the number and percentage of county
 12 veterans counselors trained by the MVAA, and the number and
 13 percentage who received funding from the MVAA to attend training,
 14 with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans counselors trained.

15 (3) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for MVAA, the MVAA
 16 is authorized to expend up to \$100,000.00 to hire legal services to
 17 represent veterans benefit cases before federal court to maintain
 18 accreditation under 38 CFR 14.628(d) (1) (iv).

19 Sec. 411. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
 20 veterans service grants, the MVAA shall establish, administer, and
 21 award competitive grants to 1 or more congressionally chartered
 22 VSOs or a coalition of VSOs. Grants shall be used to support
 23 efforts to connect veterans and their dependents with federal
 24 compensation and pension benefits and state veterans' benefits,
 25 including emergency grants through the Michigan veterans' trust
 26 fund and other local or nonproject assistance that may be available
 27 to veterans and their dependents. The competitive grant process
 28 shall include all of the following:

29 (a) Using a regional service delivery model to ensure that



1 veterans and their dependents in this state, including those within
2 tribal communities, are provided with services, advocacy, and
3 outreach as close to the communities in which they live as
4 possible.

5 (b) Ensure that grantees are providing adequate veteran
6 services and advocacy, through in-person and virtual meetings, that
7 enables the organization to meet performance goals established in
8 the grant agreement.

9 (c) Foster innovative and transformative approaches and
10 techniques for the grantee to use when providing services,
11 advocacy, and outreach for veterans and their dependents.

12 (d) Require grantees to use an MVAA-designated internet-based
13 claims data system to manage caseloads. License fees associated
14 with the claims data system described in this subdivision are
15 considered an allowable expenditure and may be reimbursed with
16 grant funds.

17 (e) A provision that requires grantees, in coordination with
18 the MVAA, to provide services to incarcerated veterans who are
19 within 1 year of their earliest release date.

20 (f) Ensure that each grantee is issued performance goals.

21 (g) Ensure that each grantee expends grant awards as
22 prescribed in the grant agreement.

23 (h) Require each grantee to report not less than quarterly on
24 all of the following:

25 (i) An accounting for all grant fund expenditures.

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

28 (iii) The number and type of claims originated by an
29 organization other than the grantee and submitted by the grantee to



1 the USDVA.

2 (iv) The services provided to veterans and their dependents.

3 (v) Progress in achieving monthly performance benchmark goals.

4 (i) Ensure that each grantee is issued monthly performance
5 benchmark goals that each grantee must aim to achieve and require
6 each grantee to report to the MVAA, in order to ensure that
7 benchmark goals are being achieved, or on target to be achieved, in
8 the fiscal year.

9 (2) The MVAA shall do all of the following:

10 (a) Follow all generally accepted accounting principles in
11 accordance with sections 141 and 485 of the management and budget
12 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1141 and 18.1485.

13 (b) When establishing, modifying, or amending the competitive
14 grant process described in subsection (1), consult and collaborate
15 with congressionally chartered VSOs in the state, or a coalition of
16 VSOs, and other stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive approach to
17 providing services, advocacy, and outreach to veterans and their
18 dependents.

19 (c) Provide notice to current grantees of any MVAA-proposed
20 modifications or amendments to the competitive grant process and
21 provide those grantees with an opportunity to respond through
22 written communication.

23 (d) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees.

24 (e) Review and audit grantees' expenditure of grant funds to
25 ensure compliance with the grant agreement, as provided under
26 section 470 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL
27 18.1470.

28 (3) By March 1, the MVAA shall provide a report summarizing
29 grant activities for the prior fiscal year, including the amount of



1 expenditures, number of service and advocacy hours, number of
2 claims for benefits submitted by type of claim, and other
3 information deemed appropriate by the MVAA.

4 Sec. 412. (1) The department shall enter into an interagency
5 agreement in cooperation with the DHHS in order to work with the
6 federal public assistance reporting information system to identify
7 Medicaid recipients who are veterans and who may be eligible for
8 federal veterans' health care benefits or other benefits. The
9 interagency agreement shall include the specific outcome and
10 performance reporting requirements described in this section. The
11 interagency agreement shall require the department to report all of
12 the following items by January 1 for the current fiscal year:

13 (a) The number of veterans identified by the DHHS through
14 eligibility determinations.

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

16 (c) The number of referrals made by the DHHS that were
17 contacted by the department.

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

20 (e) The specific actions and efforts undertaken by the DHHS
21 and the department to identify female veterans who are applying for
22 public assistance benefits, but who are eligible for veterans
23 benefits.

24 (2) By October 1 of the current fiscal year, the DHHS shall
25 change the public assistance application form from asking whether
26 the prospective applicant was a veteran to asking whether the
27 applicant had ever served in the military.

28 (3) This section does not prohibit the department from
29 entering into interagency agreements with any other public



1 department or agency in this state in order to obtain the
2 information detailed in subsection (1).

3 Sec. 413. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for county
4 veteran service grants must be deposited into the restricted county
5 veteran service fund created in section 3a of 1953 PA 192, MCL
6 35.623a. All available funds in the restricted county veteran
7 service fund are appropriated and available for expenditure as
8 provided by law.

9 (2) From the restricted county veteran service fund created in
10 section 3a of 1953 PA 192, MCL 35.623a, \$208,500.00 shall be
11 allocated to the MVAA to cover necessary administrative and
12 implementation costs incurred by the MVAA.

13 (3) The MVAA shall provide a report by December 15 that
14 includes the following information for the prior fiscal year:

15 (a) A list of counties that received a grant under this
16 section.

17 (b) The total amount of grant funding each county received
18 including any amount of funding provided under the emergent need
19 relief program pursuant to section 3a(10) of 1953 PA 192, MCL
20 35.623a.

21 (c) A summary of each county's expenditures of grant funding.

22 (d) The amount of any unexpended grant funding disbursed to
23 the counties that has been recovered and returned to the county
24 veteran service fund.

25 (e) The balance of the county veteran service fund after the
26 prior fiscal year-end book closing.

27 (f) A list of counties that have requested funds in the
28 current fiscal year, the amount requested by each county, and the
29 total of these amounts.



1 (g) A list of counties that did not request funds in the
2 current fiscal year.

3 (h) The amount of any funds recovered by the MVAA through the
4 MVAA's finding of misused grant funds.

5 (i) An explanation of any obstacles or reasons for counties
6 not applying for or spending their eligible amount of grant
7 funding.

8 (j) The amount expended by the MVAA for grant administration
9 and implementation costs.

10 Sec. 414. By February 1, the department shall provide a report
11 on the status of the construction, operations, and finances of the
12 state veterans cemetery funded in article 10 of 2022 PA 166.

13 Sec. 415. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for Michigan
14 veterans affairs agency administration, the MVAA shall complete a
15 study and submit a report to the recipients required in section 205
16 of this part by January 1, 2024. The MVAA may partner with any
17 additional stakeholders the MVAA deems necessary for completing the
18 study. The study and report shall include all of the following:

19 (a) An analysis on the scope of homelessness among the state's
20 veteran population.

21 (b) Challenges to securing housing for homeless veterans.

22 (c) Recommendations for future long-term partnerships between
23 the Michigan state housing development authority, the MVAA,
24 municipalities, and nonprofit organizations that could assist in
25 eliminating homelessness among veterans in this state.
26 Recommendations under this subdivision must minimize additional
27 costs to local units of government.

28

29 **MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY**



1 Sec. 451. (1) Money privately donated to the MVH, the MVFA, or
2 a veterans' facility in excess of the appropriation in part 1 is
3 appropriated and is available for expenditure for the benefit and
4 life enrichment of resident members and for the purpose designated
5 by the private source, if specified and in compliance with this
6 section.

7 (2) The MVH must submit a report quarterly that provides the
8 amount of the private donations described under subsection (1) and
9 the purpose for which the funds will be expended, if known. In
10 addition to the quarterly report required under this subsection, if
11 the MVH, the MVFA, or a veterans' facility receives a private
12 donation that is \$10,000.00 or greater, the MVH must submit a
13 report within 14 calendar days after receiving that donation
14 providing the amount of the donation and the purpose for which the
15 funds are to be expended, if known.

16 Sec. 452. (1) The MVH and the MVFA shall provide compassionate
17 and quality nursing care services at each veterans' facility in
18 this state so that resident members can achieve their highest
19 potential of wellness, independence, self-worth, and dignity.

20 (2) From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVFA and the
21 MVH shall provide nursing care services to veterans in accordance
22 with federal standards and report the results of the annual USDVA
23 and CMS surveys and certification as proof of compliance.

24 (3) Appropriations in part 1 for a veterans' facility shall
25 not be used for any purpose other than expenses related to the
26 operations of the veterans' facility, resident members, and their
27 families.

28 Sec. 453. All contractors providing health care services at a
29 veterans' facility shall provide services in a manner that complies



1 with applicable USDVA and CMS regulations for state veterans' homes
2 and skilled nursing facilities, any rules governing the operation
3 of nursing homes licensed in this state, and any training and
4 education requirements associated with staff licensure or
5 certification.

6 Sec. 456. (1) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at
7 a veterans' facility by a resident member, a resident member's
8 family or legal guardian, or staff of the veterans' facility
9 received by a supervisor shall be referred to the director of
10 nursing or his or her designee upon receipt of the complaint. The
11 director of nursing or his or her designee shall report on not less
12 than a monthly basis, except that the MVFA may specify a more
13 frequent reporting period, to the home administrator, to the
14 recipients required under section 205 of this part and to the MVFA
15 and MVAA the following information:

16 (a) A description of the process by which resident members and
17 others may file complaints of alleged abuse or neglect at a
18 veterans' facility.

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

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

23 (2) The process by which visitors, resident members, and staff
24 of the veterans' facility may register complaints shall be
25 displayed in high-traffic areas throughout the veterans' facility.

26 Sec. 458. The MVH shall do the following regarding member
27 care:

28 (a) Provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all
29 resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure



1 that those resident members receive needed services in a
2 professional and timely manner.

3 (b) Provide all resident members and staff a safe and secure
4 environment.

5 (c) Ensure that the veterans' facility effectively develops,
6 executes, and monitors all comprehensive care plans in accordance
7 with federal regulations and the veterans' facility's internal
8 policies, with a goal that a comprehensive care plan is fully
9 developed for all resident members.

10 Sec. 460. The MVH shall establish and implement internal
11 controls regarding all of the following:

12 (a) The use and management of food, maintenance, and
13 pharmaceutical and medical supply inventories.

14 (b) Calculating resident member maintenance assessments in
15 order to accurately calculate resident member maintenance
16 assessments for each billing cycle and ensure that all past due
17 resident member maintenance assessments are addressed within 30
18 days.

19 (c) Monetary donations and donated goods.

20 (d) The handling of resident member funds to ensure the
21 release of funds within 15 calendar days upon the resident member
22 leaving the home and to ensure that a representative of a resident
23 member is provided a full accounting of that resident member's
24 funds within 30 calendar days after the death of that resident
25 member.

26 (e) Financial reporting and accounting.

27 Sec. 461. (1) The MVH shall post on its website the following:

28 (a) All policies adopted by the MVFA and the veterans'
29 facility related to the administrative operations of the veterans'



1 facility.

2 (b) The agenda and minutes of public meetings of the MVFA
3 board.

4 (2) The MVH shall provide a report with copies of each
5 veterans' facility's USDVA State Veteran Home quarterly report.
6 These quarterly reports shall also be posted on the MVH website.

7 (3) The MVH shall provide bimonthly reports on the following:

8 (a) Census data for each veterans' facility, including
9 information on level of care, service era of its resident members,
10 payer source, and average income and assessment rate.

11 (b) Per patient daily care hours provided by each veterans'
12 facility, by level of care.

13 (c) Financial status of each veterans' facility and central
14 MVFA/MVH administration. Information shall include, but not be
15 limited to, actual year-to-date and projected year-end revenues and
16 expenditures, by fund source.

17 (4) The MVH shall provide a report on the results of any
18 annual or for-cause survey conducted by any entity with oversight
19 over the veterans' facility and any corresponding corrective action
20 plan. This information shall also be made available publicly
21 through the MVH website.

22 (5) In addition to the information required under section
23 12(1) of the Michigan veterans' facility authority act, 2016 PA
24 560, MCL 36.112, the MVFA shall provide a report detailing the
25 strategies and actions taken to maximize revenues from non-general
26 fund sources and cost savings strategies.

27 Sec. 462. The MVH shall ensure that the quality of care for
28 resident members of each veterans' facility meets the quality of
29 care for the full spectrum of health care services to meet the CMS



1 certification standards. The MVH shall provide a report biannually
 2 that contains evidence that the quality of care for the full
 3 spectrum of health care services has met CMS certification
 4 standards.

5 Sec. 463. In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
 6 private revenues held by the MVH on a nonfiduciary basis for a
 7 resident member of a veterans' facility are appropriated to pay
 8 medical expenses, member assessments, and other expenses incurred
 9 by that resident member. Any unexpended or unencumbered private
 10 revenues held on a nonfiduciary basis by the MVH at the close of
 11 the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be
 12 carried forward into the subsequent year.

13 Sec. 464. By March 1, the MVFA shall provide a report on the
 14 construction, operation, and finances of the new Marquette veterans
 15 home funded in article 14 of 2022 PA 166.

16

17 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

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

22 (2) The department shall provide a listing of property sales
 23 and acquisitions annually.

24 Sec. 502. (1) The appropriations for special maintenance -
 25 National Guard shall be expended in accordance with the
 26 requirements of sections 302 and 305 of this part and shall be
 27 expended according to the maintenance priorities of the department
 28 to repair and modernize military training sites and support
 29 facilities, including armories.



1 (2) The department shall provide an annual report providing
 2 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
 3 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
 4 at the armories and other National Guard facilities funded from
 5 capital outlay appropriations made in part 1 and in prior
 6 appropriations years.

7 Sec. 503. (1) The appropriations for special maintenance -
 8 veterans' facility shall be expended in accordance with the
 9 requirements of section 452 of this part and shall be expended
 10 according to the maintenance priorities of the MVFA to repair and
 11 modernize the state's veterans' facility, which may include
 12 physical plant expansions, renovations, or enhancements, and other
 13 projects designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care
 14 of resident members.

15 (2) The MVH shall provide an annual report providing
 16 information on the status, projected costs, and projected
 17 completion date of current and planned special maintenance projects
 18 at each veterans' facility funded from capital outlay
 19 appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations years.

20 Sec. 504. The appropriations for armory maintenance shall be
 21 expended in accordance with the requirements of sections 302 and
 22 305 of this part and shall be expended according to the maintenance
 23 priorities of the department to repair and modernize military
 24 training sites and support facilities, including armories.

25

26 **ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS**

27 Sec. 601. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
 28 eliminating veteran homelessness grants, the MVAA shall create and
 29 operate a grant program that provides grants of \$150,000.00 to



1 Michigan-based nonprofit organizations that provide, or assist in
2 providing, housing for homeless veterans or their families, or
3 both. The grants must support efforts to reduce or eliminate
4 homelessness among veterans in this state by supporting costs of
5 housing veterans or their families, or both. The MVAA shall develop
6 criteria for determining grant eligibility in accordance with this
7 section. The MVAA shall not award more than 1 grant to any 1
8 nonprofit organization. A grant must be disbursed within 60 days
9 after the date that the MVAA receives a completed and signed grant
10 agreement from the nonprofit organization requesting the grant.
11 Grant funding must be used to support costs related to housing or
12 other activities that assist homeless veterans and their families
13 to avoid homelessness.

14 (2) The MVAA shall provide a report by September 30
15 summarizing grant activities for the fiscal year ending September
16 30, 2024, and shall include the following information for each
17 grant issued under this grant program:

- 18 (a) The name of the nonprofit organization recipient.
19 (b) The location, city, and county of each grant recipient.
20 (c) The amount of the grant provided.
21 (d) A brief summary of each grant recipient's expenditures of
22 grant funding.

23 (3) The unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for
24 eliminating veteran homelessness grants are designated as a work
25 project appropriation, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds
26 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be
27 available for expenditures for projects under this section until
28 the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance
29 with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,



1 MCL 18.1451a:

2 (a) The purpose of the project is to create and operate a
3 grant program that provides grants to Michigan-based nonprofit
4 organizations that provide, or assist in providing, shelter and
5 housing for veterans or their families, or both. The grants must
6 support efforts to reduce or eliminate homelessness among veterans
7 in this state by supporting costs of sheltering and housing
8 veterans or their families, or both.

9 (b) The project will be accomplished by state employees.

10 (c) The total estimated cost of the project is \$5,000,000.00.

11 (d) The tentative completion date is September 30, 2028.

12 (4) As used in this section:

13 (a) "Veteran" means an individual who served in the United
14 States Armed Forces, including the reserve components and National
15 Guard, and was discharged or released under conditions other than
16 dishonorable. Veteran includes an individual who died while on
17 active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

18 (b) "Homeless" means that term as defined in section 103 of
19 the McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act of 2009, 42 USC 11302.

