

**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:

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**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

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Full-time equated unclassified positions	9.0
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Full-time equated classified positions	1,049.0
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1	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 235,254,100</b>
2	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		
3	Total interdepartmental grants and		
4	intradepartmental transfers		101,800
5	<b>ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 235,152,300</b>
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	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 86,393,500</b>
13	<b>Sec. 102. MILITARY</b>		
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	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 88,908,100</b>
27	Appropriated from:		
28	Interdepartmental grant revenues:		



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	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,427,800</b>
13	<b>Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY</b>		
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	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,530,200</b>
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	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,805,800</b>
28	<b>Sec. 104. MICHIGAN VETERANS' FACILITY AUTHORITY</b>		



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	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 83,733,100</b>
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	<b>State general fund/general purpose</b>		<b>\$ 34,230,900</b>
18	<b>Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>		
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	<b>GROSS APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>\$ 32,500,000</b>
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



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

## PART 2

## PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

**GENERAL SECTIONS**

20           Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state  
21 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under  
22 part 1 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024 is  
23 \$100,606,900.00 and state spending from state sources to be paid to  
24 local units of government for fiscal year ending September 30, 2024  
25 is \$4,178,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies  
26 appropriations from which spending to local units of government  
27 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	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,178,000</b>

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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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.

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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.

