

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4616**

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

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

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PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

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

**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

Full-time equated unclassified positions .....	9.0
Full-time equated classified positions .....	924.5

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	202,447,900
2	Interdepartmental grant and intradepartmental		
3	transfer revenues:		
4	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
5	transfers .....		101,800
6	ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	202,346,100
7	Federal revenues:		
8	Total federal revenues.....		106,130,200
9	Special revenue funds:		
10	Total local revenues.....		0
11	Total private revenues.....		630,000
12	Total other state restricted revenues.....		23,503,700
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	72,082,200
14	<b>Sec. 102. MILITARY</b>		
15	Full-time equated unclassified positions .....9.0		
16	Full-time equated classified positions .....353.0		
17	Unclassified salaries--9.0 FTE positions.....	\$	1,544,600
18	Departmentwide.....		1,761,900
19	Headquarters and armories--86.0 FTE positions.....		20,557,400
20	Michigan youth challenge academy--50.0 FTE positions..		7,504,700
21	Military family relief fund.....		600,000
22	Military retirement.....		1,000,000
23	Military training sites and support facilities--215.0		
24	FTE positions .....		36,262,500
25	National Guard operations.....		398,200
26	National Guard tuition assistance fund--2.0 FTE		
27	positions .....		6,506,900

1	Starbase grant.....		<u>2,322,000</u>
2	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	78,458,200
3	Appropriated from:		
4	Interdepartmental grant and intradepartmental		
5	transfer revenues:		
6	Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental		
7	transfers .....		101,800
8	Federal revenues:		
9	Total federal revenues.....		53,530,700
10	Special revenue funds:		
11	Total local revenues.....		0
12	Total private revenues.....		90,000
13	Total other state restricted revenues.....		2,044,100
14	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	22,691,600
15	<b>Sec. 103. MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY</b>		
16	Full-time equated classified positions .....253.0		
17	Board of managers (veterans homes).....	\$	940,000
18	County veteran service fund.....		4,200,000
19	D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans--205.0 FTE positions.		24,918,600
20	Michigan veterans affairs agency administration--39.0		
21	FTE positions .....		7,132,100
22	Michigan veterans facility authority--3.0 FTE		
23	positions .....		1,272,300
24	Veterans service grants.....		3,835,500
25	Veterans trust fund administration--6.0 FTE positions.		1,479,200
26	Veterans trust fund grants.....		<u>3,746,500</u>
27	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	47,524,200

1	Appropriated from:	
2	Federal revenues:	
3	Total federal revenues.....	10,447,800
4	Special revenue funds:	
5	Total private revenues.....	540,000
6	Total other state restricted revenues.....	10,936,800
7	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 25,599,600
8	<b>Sec. 104. GRAND RAPIDS HOME FOR VETERANS</b>	
9	Full-time equated classified positions .....318.5	
10	Veterans home operations.....	\$ 9,038,900
11	Purchased services.....	10,340,000
12	Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits--318.5 FTE	
13	positions .....	<u>31,885,400</u>
14	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 51,264,300
15	Appropriated from:	
16	Federal revenues:	
17	Total federal revenues.....	21,565,000
18	Special revenue funds:	
19	Total other state restricted revenues.....	6,797,700
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 22,901,600
21	<b>Sec. 105. CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	
22	Land and acquisitions.....	\$ 3,300,000
23	Special maintenance - National Guard.....	20,000,000
24	Special maintenance - veterans homes.....	<u>500,000</u>
25	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 23,800,000
26	Appropriated from:	
27	Federal revenues:	

1	Total federal revenues.....	20,000,000
2	Special revenue funds:	
3	Total other state restricted revenues.....	3,300,000
4	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 500,000
5	<b>Sec. 106. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	
6	Information technology services and projects.....	\$ <u>1,401,100</u>
7	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 1,401,100
8	Appropriated from:	
9	Federal revenues:	
10	Total federal revenues.....	586,700
11	Special revenue funds:	
12	Total other state restricted revenues.....	425,100
13	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 389,300
14	<b>Sec. 107. ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</b>	
15	Buddy-to-buddy veterans program.....	\$ <u>100</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 100
17	Appropriated from:	
18	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 100

19 PART 2  
20 PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS  
21 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

22 **GENERAL SECTIONS**

23 Sec. 201. Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state  
24 constitution of 1963, total state spending from state sources under  
25 part 1 for the fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$95,585,900.00 and state

1 spending from state sources to be paid to local units of government  
2 for fiscal year 2019-2020 is \$4,515,000.00. The itemized statement  
3 below identifies appropriations from which spending to local units  
4 of government will occur:

5 DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

6	County veteran service fund.....	\$	4,200,000
7	Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.....	\$	90,000
8	Military training sites and support facilities.....	\$	<u>225,000</u>
9	TOTAL.....	\$	4,515,000

10 Sec. 202. The appropriations made and expenditures authorized  
11 under this act and the departments, commissions, boards, offices,  
12 and programs for which appropriations are made under this act are  
13 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101  
14 to 18.1594.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (f) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

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

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

1 (i) "Subcommittees" means the subcommittees of the senate and  
2 house appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the budget  
3 of the department.

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

8 (k) "USDVA" means the United States Department of Veterans  
9 Affairs.

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

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

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

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

23 Sec. 205. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for  
24 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if  
25 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or  
26 services, or both, are available. Preference must be given to goods  
27 or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan

1 businesses, if they are competitively priced and of comparable  
2 quality. In addition, preference shall be given to goods or  
3 services, or both, that are manufactured or provided by Michigan  
4 businesses owned and operated by veterans, if they are  
5 competitively priced and of comparable quality.

6       Sec. 206. The director shall take all reasonable steps to  
7 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for  
8 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The  
9 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department  
10 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and  
11 deprived communities for services or supplies, or both.

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

22       (a) The dates of each travel occurrence.

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



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

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

16           Sec. 210. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,  
17 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 for  
18 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for  
19 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item  
20 in part 1 under section 393(2) of the management and budget act,  
21 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

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

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

13           Sec. 211. The department shall cooperate with the department  
14 of technology, management and budget to maintain a searchable  
15 website accessible by the public at no cost that includes, but is  
16 not limited to, all of the following for each department or agency:

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

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

19           (c) Fiscal year-to-date payments to a selected vendor,  
20 including the vendor name, payment date, payment amount, and  
21 payment description.

22           (d) The number of active department employees by job  
23 classification.

24           (e) Job specifications and wage rates.

25           Sec. 212. Within 14 days after the release of the executive  
26 budget recommendation, the department shall cooperate with the  
27 state budget office to provide the senate and house appropriations

1 chairs, the senate and house appropriations subcommittees chairs,  
2 and the senate and house fiscal agencies with an annual report on  
3 estimated state restricted fund balances, state restricted fund  
4 projected revenues, and state restricted fund expenditures for the  
5 fiscal years ending September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

6 Sec. 213. The department shall maintain, on a publicly  
7 accessible website, a department scorecard that identifies, tracks,  
8 and regularly updates key metrics that are used to monitor and  
9 improve the department's performance.

10 Sec. 214. Total authorized appropriations from all sources  
11 under part 1 for legacy costs for the fiscal year ending September  
12 30, 2020 are estimated at \$17,277,800.00. From this amount, total  
13 agency appropriations for pension-related legacy costs are  
14 estimated at \$8,399,100.00. Total agency appropriations for retiree  
15 health care legacy costs are estimated at \$8,878,700.00.

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

19 Sec. 216. The department shall provide biannual reports to the  
20 subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal agencies, and the state  
21 budget office, which shall provide the following data:

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

24 (b) The department's financial status, featuring a report of  
25 budgeted versus actual expenditures by part 1 line item including a  
26 year-end projection of budget requirements. If projected department  
27 budget requirements exceed the allocated budget, the report shall

1 include a plan to reduce overall expenses while still satisfying  
2 specified service level requirements.

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

5 (d) The number of active employees at the close of the  
6 reporting period.

7 (e) Evidence of efficiencies and management of funds within  
8 established appropriations.

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

12 (a) Armories and joint force readiness.

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

14 (c) Michigan youth challenge academy.

15 (d) Military family relief fund.

16 (e) Starbase grant.

17 (f) National Guard tuition assistance program.

18 (g) Michigan veterans affairs agency administration.

19 (h) Veterans service grants.

20 (i) Veterans' trust fund administration.

21 (j) Veterans' trust fund grants.

22 (k) Board of managers (veterans homes).

23 (l) Grand Rapids home for veterans.

24 (m) D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans.

25 (n) Michigan veterans' facility authority.

26 (o) County veteran service fund.

27 Sec. 218. The appropriations in part 1 for capital outlay

1 shall be carried forward at the end of the fiscal year consistent  
2 with section 248 of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL  
3 18.1248.

4 Sec. 219. Sixty days prior to the public announcement of the  
5 intention to sell any department real property, the department  
6 shall submit notification of that intent to the subcommittees and  
7 the senate and house fiscal agencies.

8 **MILITARY**

9 Sec. 302. (1) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for  
10 military operations, effective and efficient executive direction  
11 and administrative leadership shall be provided to the department.

12 (2) The department shall operate and maintain National Guard  
13 armories.

14 (3) The department shall evaluate armories and submit a report  
15 as provided under section 216 of this part on the status of the  
16 armories.

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

19 (5) The Michigan Army National Guard and Air National Guard  
20 shall work to provide a culture that is free of sexual assault,  
21 through an environment of prevention, education and training,  
22 response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and  
23 appropriate accountability that enhances the safety and well-being  
24 of all guard members.

25 (6) By December 1, the department shall report the following  
26 information to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal

1 agencies, and the state budget office:

2 (a) An assessment of the grounds and facilities of each armory  
3 to objectively measure and determine the current facility condition  
4 and capability to support authorized manpower, unit training, and  
5 operations.

6 (b) Recommendations for the placement of new armories, the  
7 relocation or consolidation of existing armories, or a change in  
8 the mission of units assigned to armories to ideally position the  
9 National Guard in current or projected population centers.

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

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

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

19 Sec. 303. (1) The department shall maintain the Michigan youth  
20 challenge academy to provide values, skills, education, and self-  
21 discipline instruction for at-risk youth as provided under 32 USC  
22 509.

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

26 (3) The department shall partner with the department of health  
27 and human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the

1 challeNGe academy from those youth served by department of health  
2 and human services programs. These eligible youth shall be given  
3 priority for enrollment in the academy.

4 (4) The department shall maintain the staffing and resources  
5 necessary to train and graduate at least 114 students per cohort  
6 (228 annually).

7 (5) The department shall ensure individual academic success as  
8 measured by the number of individuals who have received a general  
9 equivalency diploma, high school diploma, or high school credit  
10 recovery or by the improvement of tests of adult basic education  
11 scores, or both.

12 (6) Any unexpended private donations to support the Michigan  
13 youth challeNGe academy at the close of this fiscal year shall not  
14 lapse to the general fund but shall be carried forward to the  
15 subsequent fiscal year.

16 Sec. 304. (1) The department shall provide grants for  
17 disbursement from the military family relief fund, as provided  
18 under the military family relief fund act, 2004 PA 363, MCL 35.1211  
19 to 35.1216, and R 200.5 to R 200.95 of the Michigan Administrative  
20 Code.

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

25 (3) The department shall provide sufficient staffing and other  
26 resources to provide outreach to the Michigan families of members  
27 of the reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States

1 called into active duty and to support the processing and approval  
2 of grant applications for this fiscal year under the Michigan  
3 military relief fund and report those applications as provided  
4 under section 216 of this part.

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

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

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

13       (4) The department shall operate and maintain Air National  
14 Guard air bases, including Selfridge Air National Guard base,  
15 Battle Creek Air National Guard base, and Alpena combat readiness  
16 training center.

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

19       (a) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Army  
20 National Guard.

21       (b) The apportioned and assigned strength of the Michigan Air  
22 National Guard.

23       (c) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including  
24 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Army  
25 National Guard.

26       (d) Recruiting, retention, and attrition data, including  
27 measurement against stated performance goals, for the Michigan Air



1 National Guard.

2       Sec. 306. There is created and established under the  
3 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to  
4 be known as the billeting fund account. All of the fees and other  
5 revenues generated from the operation of the chargeable transient  
6 quarters program shall be deposited in the billeting fund account.  
7 Appropriations will be made from the account for the support of  
8 program operations and the maintenance and operations of the  
9 chargeable transient quarters program and will not exceed the  
10 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,  
11 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department  
12 shall submit an annual report of operations and expenditures  
13 regarding the billeting fund account to the appropriations  
14 committees of the senate and house of representatives, the senate  
15 and house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office at the end  
16 of the fiscal year.

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

20       (2) The objective of the National Guard tuition assistance  
21 program is to bolster military readiness by increasing recruitment  
22 and retention of Michigan Army and Air National Guard service  
23 members, to fill federally authorized strength levels for the  
24 state, to improve the Michigan Army and Air National Guard's  
25 competitive draw from other military enlistment options in the  
26 state, to enhance the ability of the Michigan Army and Air National  
27 Guard to compete for members and federal dollars with surrounding

1 states, and to increase the pool of eligible candidates within the  
2 Michigan Army and Air National Guard to become commissioned  
3 officers.

4 (3) The department shall make efforts to increase the number  
5 of national guard members who have received a credential or are  
6 still enrolled in the Michigan National Guard tuition assistance  
7 program after their initial term of enlistment with the goal of 55%  
8 of program participants, or at the current 4-year college  
9 graduation rate in Michigan, whichever is higher. To evaluate the  
10 effectiveness of the program, the department shall monitor the  
11 number of new recruits and new reenlistments and the percentage of  
12 those who become participants in the program to determine whether  
13 the percentage of authorized Michigan Army and Air National Guard  
14 strength obtained and retained is competitive in comparison with  
15 the neighboring army and air national guards from Illinois,  
16 Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

17 (4) The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated in  
18 part 1 for the National Guard tuition assistance fund shall be  
19 deposited to the restricted Michigan National Guard tuition  
20 assistance fund created in section 4 of the Michigan National Guard  
21 tuition assistance act, 2014 PA 259, MCL 32.434. All funds in the  
22 restricted Michigan National Guard tuition assistance fund are  
23 appropriated and available for expenditure to support the Michigan  
24 National Guard tuition assistance program.

25 Sec. 308. The department shall maintain the starbase program  
26 at Air National Guard facilities, as provided under 10 USC 2193b,  
27 to improve the knowledge, skills, and interest of students,

1 primarily in the fifth grade, in math, science, and technology. The  
2 starbase program is to specifically target minority and at-risk  
3 students for participation.

4 **MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

5       Sec. 401. The board of managers and Michigan veterans'  
6 facility authority shall exercise certain regulatory and governance  
7 authority regarding admission and member affairs at the Grand  
8 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans. The board of managers  
9 shall also work to represent the interest of the veterans'  
10 community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

11       Sec. 402. (1) The MVAA, the board of managers, and the  
12 Michigan veterans' facility authority shall provide compassionate  
13 and quality nursing and domiciliary care services at the Grand  
14 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans so that members can  
15 achieve their highest potential of wellness, independence, self-  
16 worth, and dignity.

17       (2) The department shall provide resources necessary to  
18 provide nursing care services to veterans in accordance with  
19 federal standards and provide the results of the annual USDVA  
20 survey and certification as proof of compliance.

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

24       (4) Any contractor providing mental health services to the  
25 Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans shall utilize  
26 mental health interventions that have been shown to be effective

1 with the conditions they are treating, in accordance with evidence-  
2 based best practices supported by the USDVA-VHA, United States  
3 Department of Defense, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
4 Services Administration, the American Psychological Association,  
5 and the National Association of Social Workers.

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

10 (6) Any contractor providing competency evaluated nursing  
11 assistants to the Grand Rapids home for veterans shall ensure that  
12 each CENA has at least 1 eight-hour shift of shadowing at the  
13 veterans' home.

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

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

21 (9) All complaints of abusive or neglectful care at the Grand  
22 Rapids and the D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans by a resident  
23 member, a resident member's family or legal guardian, or staff of  
24 the veterans' homes received by a supervisor shall be referred to  
25 the director of nursing or his or her designee upon receipt of the  
26 complaint. The director of nursing or his or her designee shall  
27 report on not less than a monthly basis, except that the board of

1 managers may specify a more frequent reporting period to the home  
2 administrator, board of managers, agency, subcommittees, senate and  
3 house fiscal agencies, and state budget office the following  
4 information:

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

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

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

12 (10) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
13 shall provide an on-site, board-certified psychiatrist for all  
14 resident members with mental health disorders in order to ensure  
15 that those resident members receive needed services in a  
16 professional and timely manner. The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti  
17 homes for veterans shall provide all members and staff a safe and  
18 secure environment.

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

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

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

1 shall establish sufficient controls for calculating resident member  
2 maintenance assessments in order to accurately calculate resident  
3 member maintenance assessments for each billing cycle. The Grand  
4 Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans shall establish  
5 sufficient controls to ensure that all past due resident member  
6 maintenance assessments are addressed within 30 days.

7 (14) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
8 shall establish sufficient controls over monetary donations and  
9 donated goods.

10 (15) The Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for veterans  
11 shall implement sufficient controls over the handling of resident  
12 member funds to ensure the release of funds within 30 calendar days  
13 upon the resident member leaving the home and to ensure that a  
14 representative of a resident member is provided a full accounting  
15 of that resident member's funds within 30 calendar days of the  
16 death of that resident member.

17 (16) The MVAA shall post on its website all policies adopted  
18 by the board of managers, the Michigan veterans' facility  
19 authority, and the veterans' homes related to the administrative  
20 operations of the veterans' homes.

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

25 (18) The MVAA shall report its findings regarding the state  
26 veterans' homes' compliance with the requirements and standards  
27 under this section in a quarterly report to the legislature and the

1 state budget office. The quarterly reports shall include, but are  
2 not limited to, all of the following information:

3 (a) Quality of care metrics, including:

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

6 (ii) Sentinel events reported to the USDVA.

7 (iii) Fall and wound reports.

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

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

12 (b) Quarterly budget update.

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

15 (i) By demographics, including period of service, gender, and  
16 age.

17 (ii) By care setting, payment source, and associated revenue  
18 projections.

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

22 (i) Infrastructure and capital outlay improvements.

23 (ii) Information technology updates.

24 (iii) Financial management.

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

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

1 shall provide to the subcommittees, the senate and house fiscal  
2 agencies, and the state budget office the results of any annual or  
3 for-cause survey conducted by the USDVA-VHA and any corresponding  
4 corrective action plan. This information shall also be made  
5 available publicly through the department's or MVAA's website.

6 (20) The MVAA shall provide to the legislature and the state  
7 budget office biannual reports as provided in section 216 of this  
8 part regarding the status of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
9 certification efforts, including, but not limited to, descriptions  
10 of incremental milestones, associated expenditures, and the  
11 percentage of plan completed.

12 Sec. 404. The department shall ensure that the quality of care  
13 for members of the Grand Rapids and D.J. Jacobetti homes for  
14 veterans shall meet or exceed the quality of care for the full  
15 spectrum of health care services to meet or exceed the Centers for  
16 Medicare and Medicaid Services certification standards. The  
17 department shall provide a report as provided under section 216 of  
18 this part to the subcommittees, which contains evidence that the  
19 quality of care for the full spectrum of health care services has  
20 met or exceeded Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
21 certification standards.

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

27 (2) The Michigan veterans' trust fund board together with the



1 agency shall maintain the staffing and resources necessary to  
2 process a minimum of 2,000 applications for veterans' trust fund  
3 emergency grants.

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

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

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

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

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

13 (4) Not later than February 1, the MVAA shall provide a  
14 detailed report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund that includes,  
15 for the immediately preceding fiscal year, information on grants  
16 provided from the emergency grant program, including details  
17 concerning the methodology of allocations, the selection of  
18 emergency grant program authorized agents, a description of how the  
19 emergency grant program is administered in each county, and a  
20 detailed breakdown of trust fund expenditures for that year,  
21 including the amount distributed to each county for administrative  
22 costs and emergency grants. The report shall include the number of  
23 approved applications, by category of assistance, and the number of  
24 denied applications, by reason of denial. The report shall provide  
25 an update on the department's efforts to reduce administrative  
26 costs and grow the Michigan veterans' trust fund corpus for the  
27 purpose of endowing the program to meet the needs of future

1 generations of veterans not to fall below its original amount of at  
2 least \$50,000,000.00.

3 Sec. 406. (1) The MVAA shall provide outreach services to  
4 Michigan veterans to advise them on the benefits to which they are  
5 entitled, as provided under Executive Reorganization Order No.  
6 2013-2, MCL 32.92. The MVAA shall also do the following:

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

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

17 (c) Provide sufficient staffing and other resources to approve  
18 requests for military discharge certificates (DD-214) annually.

19 (d) Continue the process to digitize all medical records,  
20 military discharge documents, and burial records that are currently  
21 on paper and microfilm.

22 (e) Provide a report, as provided under section 216 of this  
23 part, on the MVAA's performance on the performance measures,  
24 outcomes, and initiatives developed by the agency in the strategic  
25 plan required by section 501 of 2013 PA 9.

26 (f) Provide a report to the subcommittees, the senate and  
27 house fiscal agencies, and the state budget office no later than

1 April 1 providing, to the extent known, data on the estimated  
2 number of homeless veterans, by county, in this state.

3 (g) Provide the percentage of Michigan veterans contacted  
4 through its outreach programs and report that percentage to the  
5 subcommittees as provided under section 216 of this part on the  
6 status of outreach.

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

9 (a) Regional coordinators shall be selected by the MVAA  
10 through a staff augmentation service contract with VSOs or with a  
11 Michigan-based nonprofit organization.

12 (b) Regional coordinators shall provide the following  
13 services:

14 (i) Coordinate with veteran benefit counselors throughout a  
15 specified region.

16 (ii) Coordinate services with the department of health and  
17 human services and the department of corrections.

18 (iii) Coordinate with regional workforce and economic  
19 development agencies.

20 (iv) Coordinate activities among local foundations, nonprofit  
21 organizations, and community groups to improve accessibility,  
22 enrollment, and utilization of the array of health care, education,  
23 employment assistance, and quality of life services provided at the  
24 local level.

25 (c) The MVAA may work with MVAA service officers, regional  
26 coordinators, county veteran counselors, VSO service officers, and  
27 other service providers to incorporate the provision of information

1 relating to mental health care resources into their daily  
2 operations to aid veterans in understanding the mental health care  
3 support services they may be eligible to receive.

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

9 (e) The MVAA shall collaborate with the department of  
10 corrections to create and maintain a process by which prisoners can  
11 obtain a copy of their DD-214 form or other military discharge  
12 documentation if necessary.

13 (f) The MVAA shall ensure that all MVAA service officers, VSO  
14 service officers, and regional coordinators receive appropriate  
15 training in processing applications for benefits payable to  
16 veterans due to military sexual trauma, post-traumatic stress  
17 disorder, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, or other mental  
18 health issues.

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

23 (a) Report the following information as provided in section  
24 216 of this part:

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

27 (ii) The number of fully developed claims submitted to the

1 USDVA, with an overall goal of 40% of benefit claims submitted that  
2 are considered fully developed by the USDVA.

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

5 (4) The MVAA shall maintain staffing and resources necessary  
6 to develop and implement a process to ensure that all county  
7 counselors receive the training and accreditation necessary to  
8 provide quality services to veterans. The MVAA shall report  
9 information as provided in section 216 of this part on the number  
10 and percentage of county veterans counselors trained by the MVAA,  
11 and the number and percentage who received funding from the MVAA to  
12 attend training, with an overall goal of 100% of county veterans  
13 counselors trained.

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

18 Sec. 407. (1) The MVAA shall disburse grants to achieve agency  
19 goals and performance objectives in partnership with counties and  
20 VSOs. Grants will be disbursed to fund programs and projects that  
21 are determined by the agency to meet agency performance objectives  
22 and ensure that grantees communicate the availability of emergency  
23 grants through the Michigan veterans' trust fund. In disbursing  
24 grants, the MVAA shall do the following:

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

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

1 (c) Monitor the performance of each grantee.

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

5 (e) Require that each grantee report not less than quarterly  
6 on the following:

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

9 (ii) The number and type of claims originated by an  
10 organization other than the grantee and submitted by the grantee to  
11 the USDVA.

12 (f) Promulgate monthly benchmark requirements, based upon  
13 contractual obligations, that each grantee must meet and require  
14 each grantee to report on achieving the benchmark requirements not  
15 less than quarterly to the MVAA, in order to ensure that each  
16 grantee meets MVAA veteran service goals.

17 (g) Assess the accuracy rate of claims reported by grantees  
18 and the attendance rate of grantees, based upon contractual  
19 obligations.

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

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

25 (2) Grants awarded to the VSO by the MVAA shall provide for  
26 the following, as developed by the MVAA:

27 (a) The provision of service to veterans statewide, using a

1 regional service delivery model, with services provided at  
2 specified locations and times, including service provided in state  
3 correctional facilities.

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

6 (c) A specified number of service hours within each geographic  
7 region of this state, with a statewide goal based on both  
8 appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 for  
9 the grant programs and the hourly service rate under subdivision  
10 (b). The statewide goal will include service hours provided to  
11 eligible incarcerated veterans within 1 year of their earliest  
12 release date.

13 (d) Use of an MVAA-designated internet-based claims data  
14 system.

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

17 (a) A summary of activities supported through the  
18 appropriation in part 1 for grants, including the amount of  
19 expenditures to date, number of service hours, number of claims for  
20 benefits submitted by type of claim, and other information deemed  
21 appropriate by the MVAA.

22 (b) The number and percentage of fully developed claims  
23 submitted to the USDVA and the number and percentage of fully  
24 developed claims submitted that are considered fully developed by  
25 the USDVA with an overall goal of 40%.

26 Sec. 409. The general fund/general purpose funds appropriated  
27 in part 1 for the county veteran service fund shall be deposited to

1 the restricted county veteran service fund created in 2018 PA 210.  
2 All funds in the restricted county veterans service fund are  
3 appropriated and available for expenditure to support county  
4 veterans' services grants.

5       Sec. 410. From the funds appropriated in part 1, the MVAA  
6 shall conduct an assessment of the need for, feasibility, and  
7 annual cost to the state of establishing and maintaining a new  
8 veterans' cemetery in the upper peninsula of the state. The  
9 assessment shall consider the availability of any federal funds  
10 available for veterans cemeteries for its determinations. The MVAA  
11 shall report the findings of the assessment to each chairperson of  
12 the subcommittees, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the  
13 state budget office by not later than September 30, 2020.

#### 14 **CAPITAL OUTLAY**

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

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

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

25       (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - National  
26 Guard shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of



1 sections 302 and 305 of this part and shall be expended according  
2 to the maintenance priorities of the department to repair and  
3 modernize military training sites and support facilities, including  
4 armories, which may include projects such as roof, HVAC, or boiler  
5 replacement, interior renovations, facility expansion, improvements  
6 to parking facilities, and other projects.

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

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

17 (2) The appropriations for special maintenance - veterans  
18 homes shall be expended in accordance with the requirements of  
19 section 402 of this part and shall be expended according to the  
20 maintenance priorities of the department to repair and modernize  
21 the state's veterans' homes, which may include projects such as  
22 roof, HVAC, or boiler replacement, interior renovations, facility  
23 expansion, improvements to parking facilities, and other projects  
24 designed to enhance the quality of life and medical care of  
25 members.

26 (3) The MVAA shall provide a quarterly report as provided  
27 under section 216 of this part providing information on the status,

1 projected costs, and projected completion date of current and  
2 planned special maintenance projects at the Grand Rapids home for  
3 veterans and D.J. Jacobetti home for veterans funded from capital  
4 outlay appropriations made in part 1 and in prior appropriations  
5 years.