

HOUSE BILL No. 4356

EXECUTIVE BUDGET BILL

February 28, 2007, Introduced by Rep. LeBlanc and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to make appropriations for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to provide for certain powers and duties of the department of military and veterans affairs, other state agencies, and local units of government related to the appropriations; and to provide for the preparation of certain reports related to the appropriations.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 1

LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 101. Subject to the conditions set forth in this bill, the amounts listed in this part are appropriated for the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2008, from the funds indicated in this part. The following is a summary of the appropriations in this part:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY:

Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 7.0

Full-time equated classified positions..... 1,015.0

GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 127,861,700

Interdepartmental grant revenues:

Total interdepartmental grants and intradepartmental

transfers 1,680,900

ADJUSTED GROSS APPROPRIATION..... \$ 126,180,800

Federal revenues:

Total federal revenues..... 54,187,500

Special revenue funds:

Total local revenues..... 1,283,900

Total private revenues..... 1,463,300

Total other state restricted revenues..... 28,428,600

State general fund/general purpose..... \$ 40,817,500

Sec. 102. HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES

Full-time equated unclassified positions..... 7.0

Full-time equated classified positions..... 123.0

Headquarters and armories--82.5 FTE positions..... \$ 10,742,500

Human resources optimization user charges..... 62,600

Unclassified military personnel..... 665,000

Military appeals tribunal..... 900

Michigan emergency volunteers..... 5,000

State active duty..... 90,100

1	Challenge program--40.5 FTE positions	4,696,300
2	Homeland security.....	1,000,000
3	Military family relief fund.....	<u>600,000</u>
4	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$ 17,862,400
5	Appropriated from:	
6	Interdepartmental grant revenues:	
7	IDG, community health.....	100,000
8	IDG, challenge grant.....	260,000
9	IDG, state police.....	900,000
10	IDG, human services.....	420,900
11	Federal revenues:	
12	DOD-DOA-NGB.....	5,226,900
13	Special revenue funds:	
14	Rental fees.....	350,000
15	Mackinac Bridge authority.....	60,000
16	Private donations.....	819,700
17	Military family relief fund.....	600,000
18	Private - parent pay revenue.....	103,600
19	Local - school aid fund.....	1,283,900
20	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$ 7,737,400
21	Sec. 103. MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT	
22	FACILITIES	
23	Full-time equated classified positions.....	200.0
24	Military training sites and support facilities--	200.0
25	FTE positions	\$ 22,944,100
26	Military training sites and support facilities test	
27	projects	<u>100,000</u>

1	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	23,044,100
2	Appropriated from:		
3	Federal revenues:		
4	DOD-DOA-NGB.....		18,746,600
5	Special revenue funds:		
6	Test project fees.....		100,000
7	Regional Training Institute Fund.....		1,500,000
8	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	2,697,500
9	Sec. 104. DEPARTMENTWIDE APPROPRIATIONS		
10	Departmentwide accounts.....	\$	1,660,100
11	Special maintenance - state.....		151,200
12	Special maintenance - federal.....		5,300,000
13	Military retirement.....		3,048,000
14	Counternarcotic operations.....		50,000
15	Starbase grant.....		<u>957,000</u>
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	11,166,300
17	Appropriated from:		
18	Federal revenues:		
19	DOD-DOA-NGB.....		7,523,100
20	Federal counternarcotic revenues.....		50,000
21	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	3,593,200
22	Sec. 105. VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS		
23	American legion.....	\$	886,000
24	Disabled American veterans.....		732,400
25	Marine corps league.....		336,300
26	American veterans of World War II and Korea.....		464,800
27	Veterans of foreign wars.....		886,000

1	Michigan paralyzed veterans of America	165,700
2	Purple heart	157,900
3	Veterans of World War I	100
4	Polish legion of American veterans	41,200
5	Jewish veterans of America	41,200
6	State of Michigan council - Vietnam veterans of	
7	America	159,500
8	Catholic war veterans	41,200
9	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 3,912,300
10	Appropriated from:	
11	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 3,912,300
12	Sec. 106. GRAND RAPIDS VETERANS' HOME	
13	Full-time equated classified positions	517.0
14	Grand Rapids veterans' home--517.0 FTE positions	\$ 48,672,800
15	Board of managers	665,000
16	GROSS APPROPRIATION	\$ 49,337,800
17	Appropriated from:	
18	Federal revenues:	
19	DVA-VHA	15,504,500
20	HHS-Medicaid	153,500
21	HHS-Medicare	1,550,900
22	Special revenue funds:	
23	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds ...	415,000
24	Income and assessments	14,806,400
25	Military family relief fund	250,000
26	Lease revenue	12,200
27	State general fund/general purpose	\$ 16,645,300

1	Sec. 107. D.J. JACOBETTI VETERANS' HOME		
2	Full-time equated classified positions.....	159.0	
3	D.J. Jacobetti veterans' home--159.0 FTE positions ...	\$	15,771,000
4	Board of managers.....		<u>275,000</u>
5	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	16,046,000
6	Appropriated from:		
7	Federal revenues:		
8	DVA-VHA.....		4,479,600
9	HHS-Medicare.....		497,600
10	HHS-Medicaid.....		10,300
11	Special revenue funds:		
12	Private - veterans' home post and posthumous funds ...		125,000
13	Military family relief fund.....		150,000
14	Income and assessments.....		5,300,100
15	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	5,483,400
16	Sec. 108. VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE		
17	Full-time equated classified positions.....	16.0	
18	Veterans' affairs directorate administration--3.0 FTE		
19	positions	\$	336,500
20	Veterans' trust fund administration--13.0 FTE		
21	positions		1,222,300
22	Veterans' trust fund grants.....		<u>3,746,500</u>
23	GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	5,305,300
24	Appropriated from:		
25	Special revenue funds:		
26	Michigan veterans' trust fund.....		4,968,800
27	State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	336,500

Sec. 109. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information technology services and projects	\$	<u>1,187,500</u>
GROSS APPROPRIATION.....	\$	1,187,500
Appropriated from:		
Federal revenues:		
DOD-DOA-NGB.....		116,500
DVA-VHA.....		318,600
HHS-Medicare.....		9,400
Special revenue funds:		
Income and assessments.....		331,100
State general fund/general purpose.....	\$	411,900

PART 2

PROVISIONS CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS

GENERAL SECTIONS

Sec. 201. (1) Pursuant to section 30 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, total state spending from state resources under part 1 for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$69,246,100.00 and state spending from state resources to be paid to local units of government for fiscal year 2007-2008 is \$120,000.00. The itemized statement below identifies appropriations from which spending to units of local government will occur:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

MILITARY TRAINING SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

Payments in lieu of taxes.....	\$	70,000
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MICHIGAN VETERANS' TRUST FUND

1	County counselor travel expenses.....	\$	<u>50,000</u>
2	TOTAL.....	\$	120,000

3 Sec. 202. The appropriations authorized under this bill are
 4 subject to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1101
 5 to 18.1594.

6 Sec. 203. As used in this bill:

7 (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans
 8 affairs.

9 (b) "Director" means the director of the department of
 10 military and veterans affairs.

11 (c) "DOD" means the United States department of defense.

12 (d) "DOD-DOA-NGB" means the DOD department of the army,
 13 national guard bureau.

14 (e) "DVA" means the United States department of veterans'
 15 affairs.

16 (f) "DVA-VHA" means the DVA veterans' health administration.

17 (g) "FTE" means full-time equated.

18 (h) "HHS" means the United States department of health and
 19 human services.

20 (i) "IDG" means interdepartmental grant.

21 Sec. 204. The department of civil service shall bill
 22 departments and agencies at the end of the first fiscal quarter for
 23 the 1% charge authorized by section 5 of article XI of the state
 24 constitution of 1963. Payments shall be made for the total amount
 25 of the billing by the end of the second fiscal quarter.

26 Sec. 205. (1) A hiring freeze is imposed on state classified
 27 civil service. State departments and agencies are prohibited from

1 hiring any new full-time state classified civil service employees
2 and prohibited from filling any vacant state classified civil
3 service positions. This hiring freeze does not apply to internal
4 transfers of classified employees from 1 position to another within
5 a department.

6 (2) The state budget director may grant exceptions to this
7 hiring freeze when the state budget director believes that the
8 hiring freeze will result in rendering a state department or agency
9 unable to deliver basic services, cause loss of revenue to the
10 state, result in the inability of the state to receive federal
11 funds, or necessitate additional expenditures that exceed any
12 savings from maintaining a vacancy. The state budget director shall
13 report quarterly to the chairpersons of the senate and house of
14 representatives standing committees on appropriations the number of
15 exceptions to the hiring freeze approved during the previous
16 quarter and the reasons to justify the exception.

17 Sec. 208. The department shall use the Internet to fulfill the
18 reporting requirements of this bill. This requirement may include
19 transmission of reports via electronic mail to the recipients
20 identified for each reporting requirement, or it may include
21 placement of reports on an Internet or Intranet site.

22 Sec. 209. Funds appropriated in part 1 shall not be used for
23 the purchase of foreign goods or services, or both, if
24 competitively priced and of comparable quality American goods or
25 services, or both, are available. Preference should be given to
26 goods or services, or both, manufactured or provided by Michigan
27 businesses if they are competitively priced and of comparable

1 quality.

2 Sec. 210. The director shall take all reasonable steps to
3 ensure businesses in deprived and depressed communities compete for
4 and perform contracts to provide services or supplies, or both. The
5 director shall strongly encourage firms with which the department
6 contracts to subcontract with certified businesses in depressed and
7 deprived communities for services, supplies, or both.

8 Sec. 212. (1) Of the funds appropriated in part 1 for military
9 training sites and support facilities, there shall be established a
10 Michigan national guard education assistance program. Disbursements
11 to the educational assistance program shall not exceed
12 \$1,100,000.00 without legislative approval. Under the program, a
13 member of the national guard who is in active service and who
14 enrolls as a full- or part-time student at a public or private
15 state college or university may be eligible to receive up to an
16 equivalent of 50% of the total cost of tuition not to exceed
17 \$2,000.00, as education assistance, in any academic year.

18 (2) As used in this section, an eligible person means a member
19 of the Michigan national guard who is in active service, as defined
20 in section 105 of the Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL
21 32.505. An eligible person does not include a member of the
22 Michigan national guard or air national guard who is absent without
23 leave or who is under charges as described in the Michigan code of
24 military justice of 1980, 1980 PA 523, MCL 32.1001 to 32.1148.

25 (3) The department of military and veterans affairs, office of
26 the adjutant general shall administer the education assistance
27 program and prescribe forms and procedures to effectively carry out

1 the education assistance program.

2 (4) An eligible person shall apply to the department of
3 military and veterans affairs, office of the adjutant general for
4 education assistance and shall provide evidence of attendance and
5 completion of the course of study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a
6 4.0 scale, or its equivalent. The adjutant general shall approve
7 the application for reimbursement if the applicant meets the
8 definition of an eligible person under subsection (2) and other
9 criteria as established by the adjutant general.

10 (5) The education assistance program applies to any course of
11 instruction that is included in an associate, undergraduate, or
12 postgraduate degree program offered by a college or university of
13 this state.

14 (6) The education assistance program applies to an eligible
15 person notwithstanding any other educational incentive or benefit
16 received by the eligible person under any other educational
17 assistance program provided by any other state.

18 (7) An eligible person who successfully completes the course
19 of study with a grade of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its
20 equivalent, shall be eligible for reimbursement.

21 (8) The department of military and veterans affairs may use
22 funds from the appropriated funds to administer the education
23 assistance program.

24 (9) Reimbursed members who do not complete their national
25 guard obligation shall pay the state for money received from the
26 state for tuition. Members who fail to repay the state within the
27 time limits established by the adjutant general shall be indebted

1 to the state. The department shall work in conjunction with the
2 department of treasury for inclusion in the tax intercept program
3 for amounts due the state.

4 (10) A portion of the funds for the Michigan national guard
5 education assistance program may be used by the department for the
6 purpose of promoting the program and for encouraging those persons
7 the department wishes to have enlist or reenlist in the Michigan
8 national guard.

9 Sec. 221. From the funds appropriated in part 1 for
10 information technology, the department shall pay user fees to the
11 department of information technology for technology-related
12 services and projects. Such user fees shall be subject to
13 provisions of an interagency agreement between the department and
14 the department of information technology.

15 Sec. 223. Amounts appropriated in part 1 for information
16 technology may be designated as work projects and carried forward
17 to support technology projects under the direction of the
18 department of information technology. Funds designated in this
19 manner are not available for expenditure until approved as work
20 projects under section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984
21 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a.

22 Sec. 225. (1) Due to the current budgetary problems in this
23 state, out-of-state travel shall be limited to situations in which
24 1 or more of the following conditions apply:

25 (a) The travel is required by legal mandate or court order or
26 for law enforcement purposes.

27 (b) The travel is necessary to protect the health or safety of

1 Michigan citizens or visitors or to assist other states in similar
2 circumstances.

3 (c) The travel is necessary to produce budgetary savings or to
4 increase state revenues, including protecting existing federal
5 funds or securing additional federal funds.

6 (d) The travel is necessary to comply with federal
7 requirements.

8 (e) The travel is necessary to secure specialized training for
9 staff that is not available within this state.

10 (f) The travel is financed entirely by federal or nonstate
11 funds.

12 (2) If out-of-state travel is necessary but does not meet 1 or
13 more of the conditions in subsection (1), the state budget director
14 may grant an exception to allow the travel. Any exceptions granted
15 by the state budget director shall be reported on a monthly basis
16 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
17 appropriations.

18 (3) Not later than January 1 of each year, each department
19 shall prepare a travel report listing all travel by classified and
20 unclassified employees outside this state in the immediately
21 preceding fiscal year that was funded in whole or in part with
22 funds appropriated in the department's budget. The report shall be
23 submitted to the chairs and members of the senate and house of
24 representatives standing committees on appropriations, the fiscal
25 agencies, and the state budget director. The report shall include
26 the following information:

27 (a) The name of each person receiving reimbursement for travel

1 outside this state or whose travel costs were paid by this state.

2 (b) The destination of each travel occurrence.

3 (c) The dates of each travel occurrence.

4 (d) A brief statement of the reason for each travel
5 occurrence.

6 (e) The transportation and related costs of each travel
7 occurrence, including the proportion funded with state general
8 fund/general purpose revenues, the proportion funded with state
9 restricted revenues, the proportion funded with federal revenues,
10 and the proportion funded with other revenues.

11 (f) A total of all out-of-state travel funded for the
12 immediately preceding fiscal year.

13 Sec. 228. (1) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1,
14 there is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 for
15 federal contingency funds. These funds are not available for
16 expenditure until they have been transferred to another line item
17 in this bill under section 393(2) of the department of management
18 and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

25 (3) In addition to the funds appropriated in part 1, there is
26 appropriated an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for local
27 contingency funds. These funds are not available for expenditure

1 until they have been transferred to another line item in this bill
2 under section 393(2) of the department of management and budget
3 act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1393.

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

10 Sec. 229. There is hereby created and established under the
11 jurisdiction and control of the department a revolving account to
12 be known as the Regional Training Institute conference center
13 account. All of the fees and other revenues generated from the
14 operation of the Regional Training Institute conference center
15 shall be deposited in the Regional Training Institute conference
16 center account. Appropriations shall be made from the account for
17 the support of program operations and the maintenance and
18 operations of the Regional Training Institute, the construction and
19 maintenance of Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities on Fort
20 Custer or training areas within Michigan, and shall not exceed the
21 estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made,
22 together with unexpended balances from prior years. The department
23 shall submit an annual report of operations and expenditures
24 regarding the Regional Training Institute conference center account
25 to the senate and house of representatives standing committees on
26 appropriations, the fiscal agencies, and the state budget director
27 at the end of the fiscal year.

1 Sec. 230. The Regional Training Institute conference center
2 shall be available but not limited to the following:

3 (a) Military personnel.

4 (b) Federal, state, and local government agencies.

5 (c) Educational institutions.

6 (d) Nonprofit corporations or associations organized pursuant
7 to the nonprofit corporation act, 1962 PA 162, MCL 450.2101 to
8 450.3192.

9 (e) Community service clubs.

10 (f) Groups of persons with disabilities.

11 (g) Members of the legislature for the purposes related to the
12 business of the legislature.

13 (h) Entities and organizations that wish to use the conference
14 center to host an event that has a military agenda.

15 HEADQUARTERS AND ARMORIES

16 Sec. 302. (1) The funds appropriated in this bill for private
17 donations to the challenge program shall be considered state
18 restricted revenue, and unexpended funds remaining at the close of
19 the fiscal year shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be
20 carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

21 (2) The department may charge a parent or guardian of a
22 participant in the challenge program a fee for participating in the
23 program if the participant is a member of a family with an income
24 that exceeds 200% of the federal poverty guidelines as published by
25 the United States department of health and human services. The
26 amount charged the parent or guardian shall not exceed the per-

1 student state share cost of administering the program. The parent
2 or guardian shall be notified of any charge to be assessed under
3 this subsection prior to enrollment of the child in the program.

4 (3) The department shall take steps to insure that at least
5 75% of the participants in the ChalleNGe program are members of
6 families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty
7 level.

8 Sec. 304. The department shall partner with the department of
9 human services to identify youth who may be eligible for the
10 challenge program from those youth served by department of human
11 services programs. These eligible youth shall be given priority for
12 enrollment in the program.

13 **VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

14 Sec. 501. (1) Money appropriated in part 1 for grants to
15 veterans service organizations shall be used only for salaries,
16 wages, related personnel costs, training, and equipment for
17 accredited veteran service advocacy officers and necessary support
18 and managerial staff. Training shall be provided for service
19 advocacy officers and shall be conducted by accredited advocacy
20 officers.

21 (2) To receive a grant from the money appropriated in part 1,
22 a veterans service organization shall meet the following
23 eligibility requirements:

24 (a) Be congressionally chartered by the United States
25 congress.

26 (b) Be an active participating member of the Michigan veterans

1 organizations' rehabilitation and veterans service committee and
2 abide by its rules, guidelines, and programs.

3 (c) Demonstrate the receipt of monetary or service support
4 from its own organization.

5 (d) Comply with the department's and the legislature's
6 requirements of accounting audits, service work activity,
7 accounting of recoveries, listing of volunteer hours, budget
8 requests, and other requirements specified in subsection (3).

9 (e) For a veterans service organization founded after
10 September 30, 1989, be in operation and providing service to
11 Michigan veterans for not less than 2 years before receiving an
12 initial state grant. During this 2-year period of time, the
13 organization shall file a listing of service work activity and an
14 accounting of recoveries with the department, the senate and house
15 fiscal agencies, the senate and house of representatives
16 appropriations subcommittees on military affairs, and the state
17 budget office on forms as prescribed by the department.

18 (3) A veterans service organization receiving a grant from the
19 money appropriated in part 1 shall file with the department an
20 accounting of its expenditures, audited and certified by a
21 certified public accountant, within 120 days after the
22 organization's fiscal year end. Each organization shall provide a
23 detailed budget request for the fiscal year ending September 30,
24 2009 to the department by November 15, 2007. Each veterans service
25 organization shall provide 5 copies of a listing of all service
26 activity, an accounting of recoveries, and a listing of volunteer
27 hours for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 to the

1 department by January 31, 2008. The listing of volunteer hours
2 shall include the hours, services, and donations provided to
3 residents of the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J. Jacobetti
4 veterans' home. Each veterans service organization shall provide a
5 copy of the most recent and completed internal revenue service form
6 990 to the department at the end of the fiscal year ending
7 September 30, 2007. A veterans service organization receiving a
8 grant from the money appropriated in part 1 shall use the forms
9 recommended by the Michigan veterans organizations rehabilitation
10 and veterans service committee for filing reports required by this
11 bill. The department shall forward information required under this
12 section to the senate and house fiscal agencies, the senate and
13 house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on military
14 affairs, and the state budget office.

15 (4) The veterans service directors committee and the
16 department shall take steps to improve the coordination of veterans
17 benefits counseling in the state to maximize the effective and
18 efficient use of taxpayer dollars in this goal and to ensure that
19 every veteran is served.

20 (5) To accomplish the goal of subsection (4), the veterans
21 service directors committee and the department shall take steps to
22 increase their responsibility in the administration, management,
23 oversight, and outreach of the delivery of services to veterans.
24 The veterans service directors committee and the department shall
25 involve county veterans counselors and representatives from the
26 Michigan veterans trust fund to work in concert to identify,
27 implement, and evaluate steps to do all of the following:

1 (a) Increase the veterans service directors committee and the
2 department's role in working directly with the United States
3 department of veterans' affairs to enhance the delivery of services
4 to Michigan veterans.

5 (b) Increase the number of initial claims filed with the
6 United States department of veterans' affairs on behalf of veterans
7 for service-connected disability or pension benefits. The veterans
8 service directors committee and the department may work toward
9 either an absolute increase of approved claims or an increase in
10 the percentage of Michigan veterans with approved claims.

11 (c) Develop methods to increase rates of recovery paid by the
12 United States department of veterans' affairs to Michigan veterans
13 either by an increase in compensation paid per approved claim or
14 increase in compensation paid on a per capita basis.

15 (d) Expand training opportunities for veterans service
16 organization service officers.

17 (e) Increase either the number or percentage of Michigan
18 veterans enrolled in the veterans administration health care
19 system.

20 (f) Publicize the availability, benefit, and value of burial
21 in the Fort Custer and Great Lakes national cemeteries.

22 (g) Review each grant recipient's performance under the
23 program and require that performance be a major consideration in
24 the future funding of each grant recipient.

25 (h) Identify areas of redundancy which may exist among
26 services provided by veterans service organizations grantees,
27 Michigan veterans trust fund county committees, and county veterans

1 counselors and provide a proposal on how any redundancies may be
2 minimized and identify specific cost savings which could result.

3 **VETERANS' HOMES**

4 Sec. 603. The money appropriated in this bill for the boards
5 of managers may be expended for facility improvements, the purchase
6 and repair of equipment and furnishings, member services, and other
7 purposes that benefit the Grand Rapids veterans' home and the D.J.
8 Jacobetti veterans' home.

9 **VETERANS' TRUST FUND**

10 Sec. 703. By April 1, 2009, the department shall submit to the
11 senate and house of representatives appropriations subcommittees on
12 military affairs and the state budget office a detailed annual
13 report of the Michigan veterans' trust fund for fiscal year 2007-
14 2008. The report shall include information on grants provided from
15 the emergency grant program, including details concerning the
16 methodology of allocations, the selection of emergency grant
17 program authorized agents, and a detailed breakdown of trust fund
18 expenditures for that year. The report shall also provide an update
19 on the department's efforts to reduce program administrative costs
20 and restore the Michigan veterans trust fund corpus to its original
21 amount of \$50,000,000.00.