

Executive

As Passed by the House

**DVSCD1            Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service**

**Section: 405.10**

Requires GRF appropriation item 900901, Veterans Compensation General Obligation Bond Debt Service, be used to pay all debt service and related financing costs during the period from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, on obligations issued under R.C. 151.01 and 151.12.

**Section: 405.10**

Same as the Executive.

**DVSCD3            Traumatic Brain Injury Programs**

No provision.

(1) No provision.

(2) No provision.

**Section: 405.10**

Makes the following earmarks from GRF appropriation item 900408, Department of Veterans Services:

(1) \$25,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed directly to the Resurrecting Lives Foundation to fund its 2015 Employment Initiative, which aids the transition of traumatic brain injury affected service members into civilian life and employment.

(2) \$20,375 in each fiscal year to be distributed directly to the Foundation for its Community TBI Education Program, which provides education and awareness for the legal community and lay community about traumatic brain injury, its effect on the veteran community, and the resulting challenges veterans face in the criminal justice system.

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DVSCD2

Military injury relief

Section: 405.20

(1) Requires the Director of Budget and Management, effective July 1, 2015, to cancel existing encumbrances against DPF Fund 5DB0 appropriation item 600637, Military Injury Relief Subsidies, used by the Department of Job and Family Services, reestablishes them against DPF Fund 5DB0 appropriation item 900643, Military Injury Relief Subsidies, used by the Department of Veterans Services, and appropriates the reestablished encumbrance amounts.

(2) Requires any business commenced but not completed under appropriation item 600637 by July 1, 2015, be completed under appropriation item 900643 in the same manner and with the same effect as if it were completed with regard to appropriation item 600637.

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(1) Same as the Executive.

(2) Same as the Executive.

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JFSCD28 Military Injury Relief Fund grant eligibility

R.C. 5101.98, 4503.535, 5747.01, 5747.113, 5902.02, Sections 405.30 and 759.10

Transfers from ODJFS to the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) all duties relating to grants from the Military Injury Relief Fund.

Expands the service members eligible to receive a grant of funds from the Military Injury Relief Fund to include a service member injured while serving after October 7, 2001, or any service member diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder while serving, or after having served, after October 7, 2001.

Requires the DVS Director to adopt rules necessary for the administration of the Military Injury Relief Fund Grant Program.

Specifies that the current rules regarding the grant program, which were adopted by the ODJFS Director, remain effective until the DVS Director's rules take effect, but provides that DVS is to administer the rules, and that the eligibility of an individual for a grant is expanded to include any individual who served after October 7, 2001.

No provision.

R.C. 5101.98, 4503.535, 5747.01, 5747.113, 5902.02, Section 759.10

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Removes from existing law a provision that specifies that incentive grants, authorized by the federal Jobs for Veterans Act, may be contributed to the Military Injury Relief Fund.

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**Fiscal effect: DVS plans to expend \$2 million in each FY 2016 and FY 2017 for grants out of the Military Injury Relief Fund. ODJFS plans to expend \$0 in each FY 2016 and FY 2017 for grants out of the Military Injury Relief Fund.**

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DPSCD78 Expedited Veterans Paramedic Certification Program

R.C. 4765.161

(1) No provision.

(1) Requires the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services to establish an Expedited Veterans Paramedic Certification Program whereby a United States armed forces veteran who received training as a paramedic while serving receives credit for such training toward issuance of a certificate to practice as a paramedic.

(2) No provision.

(2) Requires the program to provide for a method or procedure whereby, upon application of such a veteran, the veteran is evaluated to determine the extent of the training received.

(3) No provision.

(3) Requires the Board, upon payment of the appropriate fee, to issue a certificate to practice as a paramedic if the evaluation indicates that the training the veteran received while serving in the United States armed forces was such that the veteran is eligible to be issued a certificate to practice as a paramedic.

(4) No provision.

(4) Specifies that a veteran who received training as a paramedic while serving in the United States armed forces who is not eligible to be issued a certificate to practice as a paramedic needs only to complete the additional training or instruction necessary in order to be issued a certificate to practice as a paramedic.

**Fiscal effect: Negligible.**