

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Page 1, line 2, after "affairs" insert "; and to provide an exemption"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 18 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,410,580	\$342,071	\$1,752,651
Transport vans	0	15,000	15,000
Accrued leave payments	<u>10,123</u>	<u>(10,123)</u>	<u>0</u>
Total all funds	\$1,420,703	\$346,948	\$1,767,651
Less estimated income	<u>0</u>	<u>284,453</u>	<u>284,453</u>
Total general fund	\$1,420,703	\$62,495	\$1,483,198
Full-time equivalent positions	8.00	1.00	9.00"

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

"SECTION 3. EXEMPTION. The amount appropriated for veteran service dog training in section 1 of chapter 60 of the 2013 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from this line item for grants are available for grants during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 4. CONTINGENT FUNDING - STAND DOWN EVENTS. The department of veterans' affairs shall seek federal funds of at least \$20,000 for defraying the expenses of veterans' stand down events. The department may spend up to \$15,000 from the general fund appropriated in section 1 of this Act only to the extent that the department does not receive \$20,000 in federal funding for the stand down events during the 2015-17 biennium."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1025 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Veterans' Affairs	\$1,410,580	\$342,071	\$1,752,651
Accrued leave payments	10,123	(10,123)	
Transport Vans		15,000	15,000
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FTE	8.00	1.00	9.00

Department No. 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of House Changes

	Adds Funding for Base Payroll Changes ¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Transfers State Approving Agency ³	Adjusts Operating Expenses ⁴	Increases Funding for Stand Downs ⁵	Adds Funding to Purchase Vans ⁶
Veterans' Affairs	\$80,367	\$86,228	\$275,696	(\$5,220)	\$5,000	
Accrued leave payments	(10,123)					
Transport Vans						15,000

Total all funds	\$70,244	\$86,228	\$275,696	(\$5,220)	\$5,000	\$15,000
Less estimated income	0	8,757	275,696	0	0	0
General fund	\$70,244	\$77,471	\$0	(\$5,220)	\$5,000	\$15,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	Removes Grants ⁷	Total House Changes
Veterans' Affairs	(\$100,000)	\$342,071
Accrued leave payments		(10,123)
Transport Vans		15,000
Total all funds	(\$100,000)	\$346,948
Less estimated income	0	284,453
General fund	(\$100,000)	\$62,495
FTE	0.00	1.00

¹ Funding is added for cost-to-continue 2013-15 biennium salaries and benefit increases and for other base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2015-17 biennium performance salary adjustments of 2 to 4 percent per year and increases in monthly health insurance premiums:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Salary increase - Performance	\$38,613	\$8,757	\$47,370
Health insurance increase	38,858	0	38,858
Total	\$77,471	\$8,757	86,228

³ Federal funding for the state approving agency and 1 FTE position is transferred from the North Dakota University System.

⁴ Funding for operating expenses is adjusted.

⁵ Funding for stand down events is increased to provide a total of \$15,000.

⁶ Funding is added to purchase vans to transport veterans to medical appointments.

⁷ Funding for the following grants authorized during the 2013-15 biennium is removed:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Agent Orange	(\$50,000)	\$0	(\$50,000)
Service dog training	(50,000)	0	(50,000)
Total	(\$100,000)	\$0	(\$100,000)

This amendment also adds or changes sections:

- Authorizing the department to continue unexpended 2013-15 biennium appropriations for the veteran service dog training program.
- Directing the agency to seek federal funds for veterans' stand down events of at least \$20,000 and providing that the department may spend the \$15,000 provided from the general fund for stand down events only to the extent that it does not receive the \$20,000 of federal funding.