

April 4, 2019

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

Page 1, line 2, remove "and"

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

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 20 with:

"Veterans' affairs	\$1,168,015	\$191,408	\$1,359,423
State approving agency	271,998	13,660	285,658
Grants - transportation program	1,719,520	(919,520)	800,000
Transport vans	18,600	21,400	40,000
Service dogs	50,000	0	50,000
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$3,228,133	(\$401,552)	\$2,826,581
Less estimated income	2,091,571	(714,414)	1,377,157
Total general fund	\$1,136,562	\$312,862	\$1,449,424
Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00"

Page 2, replace lines 2 through 5 with:

"Transport vans	\$18,600	\$0
Grant database enhancements	0	7,500
Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500
Total all funds	\$18,600	\$299,000
Less estimated income	0	291,500
Total general fund	\$18,600	\$7,500"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

**"SECTION 3. EXEMPTION.** The amount of \$50,000 appropriated for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dogs program in section 1 of chapter 49 of the 2017 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unexpended funds from this program are available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

**SECTION 4. ESTIMATED INCOME - VETERANS' HOME CEMETERY FUNDING.** The estimated income line item in section 1 of this Act includes \$291,500, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the cemetery located on the veterans' home campus during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. This funding is considered a one-time funding item."

Re-number accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

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

	Base Budget	House Version	Senate Changes	Senate Version
Veterans' affairs	\$1,168,015	\$1,322,258	\$37,165	\$1,359,423
State Approving Agency	271,998	284,501	1,157	285,658

Grants - Transportation program	1,719,520	800,000		800,000
Transport vans	18,600	18,800	21,200	40,000
Service dogs	50,000	50,000		50,000
Veterans' Home cemetery			291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$3,228,133	\$2,475,559	\$351,022	\$2,826,581
Less estimated income	2,091,571	1,084,500	292,657	1,377,157
General fund	\$1,136,562	\$1,391,059	\$58,365	\$1,449,424
FTE	7.00	7.00	1.00	8.00

**Department 321 - Department of Veterans' Affairs - Detail of Senate Changes**

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases <sup>1</sup>	Adjusts Funding for a Loan and Grant Position <sup>2</sup>	Adds Funding for Transport Vans <sup>3</sup>	Adds Funding for Veteran Benefit Specialist Training <sup>4</sup>	Adds One-Time Funding for a Cemetery Program <sup>5</sup>	Total Senate Changes
Veterans' affairs	\$7,071	\$11,794		\$18,300		\$37,165
State Approving Agency	1,157					1,157
Grants - Transportation program						
Transport vans			\$21,200			21,200
Service dogs						
Veterans' Home cemetery					\$291,500	291,500
Total all funds	\$8,228	\$11,794	\$21,200	\$18,300	\$291,500	\$351,022
Less estimated income	1,157	0	0	0	291,500	292,657
General fund	\$7,071	\$11,794	\$21,200	\$18,300	\$0	\$58,365
FTE	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Funding of \$8,228, of which \$7,071 is from the general fund and \$1,157 is from federal funds, is added for 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, on July 1, 2019, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020, to provide a total of \$36,773 for state employee salary increases, of which \$30,631 is from the general fund and \$6,142 is from federal funds. The House approved 2019-21 biennium salary increases of 2 percent per year and provided a total of \$28,545 for state employee salary increases, of which \$23,560 is from the general fund and \$4,985 is from federal funds.

<sup>2</sup> Funding of \$11,794 is added from the general fund for an FTE loan and grant position to provide a total of \$151,794 for the position. The House provided \$140,000 of one-time funding from the general fund for temporary salaries for the loan and grant position.

<sup>3</sup> Funding of \$21,200 is added from the general fund for transport vans to provide a total appropriation of \$40,000 for purchasing two transport vans during the 2019-21 biennium. The House appropriated \$18,800 from the general fund for purchasing one transport van during the 2019-21 biennium.

<sup>4</sup> Funding of \$18,300 from the general fund is added for veteran benefit specialist training. The House did not provide funding for this training.

<sup>5</sup> One-time funding of \$291,500 is added for a Veterans' Home cemetery program, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for repairing and maintaining the Veterans' Home cemetery.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section allowing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to continue unexpended 2017-19 funding for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program into the 2019-21 biennium.
- Adds a section identifying \$291,500 of one-time funding, of which \$265,000 is from federal funds and \$26,500 is from the Melvin Norgard memorial fund, for repairs and maintenance at the cemetery located on the Veterans' Home campus during the 2019-21 biennium.