# ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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## HB 2766: veterans' services; behavioral health; appropriation Sponsor: Representative Gillette, LD 30 Committee on Appropriations

### **Overview**

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the Consumer Remediation Subaccount of the Consumer Restitution and Remediation Revolving Fund (Subaccount) to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) for grants to nonprofits.

#### <u>History</u>

ADVS assists veterans and their families in securing federal, state and local benefits and cooperates with governmental and private agencies that provide services to veterans and their families (A.R.S.  $\S$  41-603).

The Subaccount is administered by the Attorney General and receives funds from lawsuits where the Attorney General wins a judgement or settlement due to violations of consumer protection. At the direction of the Attorney General, the State Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund, with investment earnings credited to the appropriate subaccount (A.R.S. § 44-1531.02).

### **Provisions**

- 1. Appropriates a non-lapsing \$1,000,000 from the Subaccount in FY 2025 to ADVS for grants to nonprofits for mental and behavioral health services for active-duty service members, their families and veterans. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Outlines mental and behavioral health services that nonprofits grant recipients should provide, including for veterans impacted by post-traumatic stress injuries, substance use disorder and traumatic brain injuries. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Requires nonprofit organizations to administer services in partnership with hospitals and state universities, regardless of a veteran's discharge status or when the veteran or active-duty service member served. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Expresses the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation be considered ongoing in future years. (Sec. 1)