

# HOUSE BILL No. 1257

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17-12.

**Synopsis:** Military family relief fund. Makes an employee of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs ineligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund (MFRF). Requires the Indiana veterans' affairs commission to give timely responses to applications for assistance from the MFRF. Caps the amount of monetary assistance a qualified service member may receive from the MFRF at \$2,500.

**Effective:** July 1, 2019.

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January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

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First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-12-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.99-2016,  
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall adopt rules under  
4 IC 4-22-2 for the provision of grants under this chapter. Subject to  
5 subsection (b), the rules adopted under this section must address the  
6 following:  
7 (1) Uniform need determination procedures.  
8 (2) Eligibility criteria, including income eligibility standards,  
9 asset limit eligibility standards, and other standards concerning  
10 when assistance may be provided.  
11 (3) Application procedures.  
12 (4) Selection procedures.  
13 (5) A consideration of the extent to which an individual has used  
14 assistance available from other assistance programs before  
15 assistance may be provided to the individual from the fund.  
16 (6) Other areas in which the department determines that rules are  
17 necessary to ensure the uniform administration of the grant



- 1 program under this chapter.
- 2 (b) The following apply to grants awarded under this chapter:
- 3 (1) An applicant is not eligible for a grant from the fund if:
- 4 (A) the qualified service member with respect to whom the
- 5 application is based has been discharged; and
- 6 (B) the qualified service member's term of qualifying military
- 7 service was less than twelve (12) months.
- 8 (2) The income eligibility standards must be based on the federal
- 9 gross income of the qualified service member and the qualified
- 10 service member's spouse.
- 11 **(3) An employee of the department is not eligible for a grant**
- 12 **from the fund.**
- 13 **(4) The maximum amount a qualified service member may**
- 14 **receive from the fund is two thousand five hundred dollars**
- 15 **(\$2,500).**
- 16 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-12-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 14. Except as provided in section**
- 19 **15 of this chapter, the commission shall approve or deny an**
- 20 **application for a grant filed with the commission after June 30,**
- 21 **2019, within sixty (60) days.**
- 22 SECTION 3. IC 10-17-12-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 23 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 24 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019]: **Sec. 15. The commission may not act**
- 25 **on an incomplete application. The commission shall return an**
- 26 **incomplete application with a notation as to omissions. The return**
- 27 **of an incomplete application shall be without prejudice.**

