

## SENATE BILL No. 172

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

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

**Synopsis:** Military family relief fund. Removes the provision that limits to three years the time during which an Indiana qualified service member is eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund. Specifies the veterans' affairs commission shall provide continual funding for the military family relief fund (and not only during a time of war or national conflict).

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 8, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

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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 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.169-2013,  
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is established  
4 to provide assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical services,  
5 basic transportation, child care, education, employment or workforce,  
6 and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult  
7 to afford for qualified service members or dependents of qualified  
8 service members. The fund may also be used to provide for grants for  
9 reimbursement for training and for computer equipment and software  
10 for county and city veterans' service officers.  
11 (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the commission  
12 shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for  
13 assistance as described in subsection (a). The director shall each year  
14 provide a report to the budget committee concerning the grant program  
15 under this chapter.  
16 (c) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's



1 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund. ~~for up~~  
 2 ~~to three (3) years after the earlier of the following:~~

3 ~~(1) The date the qualified service member's active duty service~~  
 4 ~~ends.~~

5 ~~(2) The date, as established by presidential proclamation or by~~  
 6 ~~law, of the cessation of the national conflict or war with respect~~  
 7 ~~to which the qualified service member is eligible to receive~~  
 8 ~~assistance under section 7.5(3)(B) of this chapter.~~

9 (d) The commission shall administer the fund.

10 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-13-10, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,  
 11 SECTION 88, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 12 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall manage and develop  
 13 the fund and the assets of the fund.

14 (b) The commission shall do the following:

15 (1) Carry out the duties of the commission set forth in IC 10-17-1.

16 (2) Establish a policy for the investment of the assets of the fund.

17 In establishing a policy under this subdivision, the commission  
 18 shall:

19 (A) establish adequate long term financial goals for the fund;  
 20 and

21 (B) provide adequate funding for the military family relief  
 22 fund established by IC 10-17-12-8. ~~during a time of war or~~  
 23 ~~national conflict.~~

24 (3) Acquire money for the fund through the solicitation of private  
 25 or public donations and other revenue producing activities.

26 (4) Perform other tasks consistent with prudent management and  
 27 development of the fund.

