

SENATE BILL No. 352

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 or a dependent is eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund. Gives priority to Indiana qualified service members or dependents who have never received a grant from the military family relief fund. Requires the veterans' affairs commission, subject to the approval of the budget agency, to set a maximum total dollar amount of grants that may be expended in a state fiscal year.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 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).

14 (c) **The commission shall give priority to applications for grants**
15 **for assistance from the fund to qualified service members or**
16 **dependents of qualified service members who have never received**



1 a grant under this chapter.

2 (d) Subject to the approval of the budget agency, the
3 commission shall establish the maximum total dollar amount of
4 grants that may be expended in a state fiscal year. Once the
5 maximum total dollar amount of grants that may be expended in
6 a state fiscal year is reached, no additional grants may be
7 authorized until the start of the following state fiscal year.

8 (e) The director shall each year provide a report to the budget
9 committee concerning the grant program under this chapter.

10 ~~(f)~~ (f) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's
11 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund. ~~for up~~
12 ~~to three (3) years after the earlier of the following:~~

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

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

19 ~~(d)~~ (g) The commission shall administer the fund.

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

24 (b) The commission shall do the following:

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

26 **(2) Establish written guidelines that specify the criteria for**
27 **determining priority of applications for the purpose of**
28 **providing financial assistance to qualified service members or**
29 **dependents of qualified service members as described under**
30 **IC 10-17-12-8(c).**

31 **(3) Establish a policy to determine annually the maximum**
32 **total dollar amount that may be expended for each state fiscal**
33 **year from the military family relief fund established by**
34 **IC 10-17-12-8.**

35 ~~(2)~~ **(4)** Establish a policy for the investment of the assets of the
36 fund. In establishing a policy under this subdivision, the
37 commission shall:

38 (A) establish adequate long term financial goals for the fund;
39 and

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



- 1 ~~(3)~~ **(5)** Acquire money for the fund through the solicitation of
- 2 private or public donations and other revenue producing
- 3 activities.
- 4 ~~(4)~~ **(6)** Perform other tasks consistent with prudent management
- 5 and development of the fund.

