

Senate Study Bill 1056

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL
BY CHAIRPERSON BEALL)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing funding for certain veterans programs and
2 providing an effective date.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.13, subsection 6, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 6. ~~It is the intent of the general assembly that beginning~~
1 4 ~~Beginning with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 2009,~~
1 5 ~~appropriations be made there is appropriated annually from the~~
1 6 ~~general fund of the state to the veterans trust fund an amount~~
1 7 ~~equal to five million dollars, less any moneys transferred to~~
1 8 ~~the fund pursuant to section 99G.9A for that fiscal year,~~
1 9 ~~until the balance of the veterans trust fund is fifty million~~
1 10 ~~dollars or more. Prior to any additional appropriations to~~
1 11 ~~this fund, the The department shall provide the general~~
1 12 ~~assembly with information, on an annual basis, identifying~~
1 13 ~~immediate and long-term veteran services throughout the state~~
1 14 ~~and a plan for delivering those services.~~
1 15 Sec. 2. 2006 Iowa Acts, chapter 1184, section 5,
1 16 subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph 2, as enacted by 2007 Iowa
1 17 Acts, chapter 203, section 1, and amended by 2008 Iowa Acts,
1 18 chapter 1187, section 69, is amended to read as follows:
1 19 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this
1 20 subsection that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
1 21 close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain
1 22 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until
1 23 the close of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 2009.
1 24 Sec. 3. HOME OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR VETERANS ==
1 25 FUNDING. There is appropriated from the rebuild Iowa
1 26 infrastructure fund to the Iowa finance authority for the
1 27 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010,
1 28 the following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, to
1 29 be used for the purpose designated:
1 30 For continuation of the home ownership assistance program
1 31 for persons who are or were eligible members of the armed
1 32 forces of the United States, pursuant to section 16.54,
1 33 notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection 6, paragraph "c":
1 34 \$ 1,600,000
1 35 Of the funds appropriated, the Iowa finance authority may
2 1 retain not more than \$20,000 for administrative purposes.
2 2 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
2 3 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
2 4 EXPLANATION
2 5 This bill provides funding for the veterans trust fund, the
2 6 injured veterans grant program, and the home ownership
2 7 assistance program for veterans.
2 8 The bill provides an annual appropriation to the veterans
2 9 trust fund of an amount equal to \$5 million less any moneys
2 10 transferred to the fund from lottery games providing aid for
2 11 veterans until the balance in the fund is \$50 million or more.
2 12 The bill provides that moneys appropriated to the injured
2 13 veterans grant program but not expended by the close of the
2 14 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, shall not revert, but
2 15 shall remain available for the program until the close of the
2 16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.
2 17 The bill also appropriates \$1.6 million from the rebuild
2 18 Iowa infrastructure fund to the Iowa finance authority for

2 19 continuation of the home ownership assistance program for
2 20 persons who are or were eligible members of the armed forces
2 21 of the United States. The bill allows the Iowa finance
2 22 authority to retain not more than \$20,000 of this
2 23 appropriation for administrative purposes.
2 24 The bill takes effect upon enactment.
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