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SENATE FILE 30 APPROPRIATIONS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allocating funding appropriated to assist individuals
2 assigned to active duty military service and providing
3 effective and applicability date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. 2003 Iowa Acts, chapter 179, section 21, as
2 amended by 2004 Iowa Acts, chapter 1175, section 274, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 SEC. 21. MILITARY PAY DIFFERENTIAL.

5 1. There Notwithstanding section 8.56, subsection 4, there
6 is appropriated from the cash reserve fund to the department
7 of revenue and finance or its successor agency for the period
8 beginning March 19, 2003, and ending June 30, 2003, the
9 following amount, or so much thereof as is necessary, for the
10 purposes designated:

11 For a military pay differential program and health
12 insurance retention program for individuals activated for the
13 armed services of the United States, for employees on the
14 central payroll system and for the other military service-
15 related purposes designated in this section:

16 \$ 1,810,000

17 2. Of the funds appropriated in this section, up-to
18 \$10,000 is transferred to the Iowa department of public health
19 for allocation to community mental health centers to provide
20 counseling services to persons, whether or not employed by the
21 state, who are members of the national guard and or reservists
22 activated-but-as-yet-not-sent-to-combat-zones and who are
23 assigned to active duty service in the armed forces of the
24 United States and to the persons' family members. The
25 sessions shall be provided on a first come, first served basis
26 and shall be limited to three visits per family.

27 3. Of the funds appropriated in this section, \$1,000,000
28 is transferred to the Iowa finance authority to be used for a
29 home ownership assistance program for eligible members of the
30 national guard and reserves of the armed forces of the United
31 States. In the event an eligible member is deceased, the
32 surviving spouse of the eligible member shall be eligible for
33 a loan under the program, subject to the surviving spouse
34 meeting the program's eligibility requirements other than the
35 military service requirement. A member's initial eligibility

1 for the program is subject to the member having at least 90
2 days of active duty service during the period beginning
3 September 11, 2001, and ending December 31, 2004.

4 4. The department or agency receiving funds under this
5 section shall report monthly to the fiscal committee of the
6 legislative council on the use of the funds.

7 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered or
8 unobligated funds remaining on June 30, 2003, from the
9 appropriation and transfers made in this section shall not
10 revert but shall remain available to be used for the purposes
11 ~~designated until the end of the fiscal year beginning July 1,~~
12 ~~2004.--Funds appropriated in this section remaining~~
13 ~~unencumbered or unobligated at the end of the fiscal year~~
14 ~~beginning July 1, 2004, shall not revert but shall remain~~
15 ~~available to be used for the purposes designated and for a~~
16 ~~home ownership assistance program for eligible members of the~~
17 ~~national guard and reserves of the armed forces of the United~~
18 ~~States and the members' immediate families.~~

19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and is
21 retroactively applicable to May 17, 2004.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill makes allocations from an appropriation
24 originally made in 2003 for a military pay differential and
25 health insurance retention program for state employees who are
26 on the central payroll system and are activated for the armed
27 services of the United States.

28 The language of an existing allocation to the Iowa
29 department of public health for counseling services is revised
30 to provide a specific amount of \$10,000, rather than a maximum
31 of \$10,000, to specify the services are available whether or
32 not a person is a state employee, and to make the services
33 available to all who are assigned to active duty service
34 regardless of whether being sent to combat zones.

35 Language providing for nonreversion of unexpended funds so

1 that the funds will be used for a home ownership assistance
2 program for members of the national guard and reserves and for
3 the members' immediate families is stricken and specific
4 funding for this purpose is allocated to the Iowa finance
5 authority. The allocation language provides an initial
6 eligibility requirement limiting the program to members who
7 had at least 90 days of active duty service during the period
8 beginning September 11, 2001, and ending December 31, 2004.
9 If an eligible member is deceased, the member's surviving
10 spouse is eligible for the program provided the surviving
11 spouse can meet the eligibility requirements other than
12 military service.

13 Nonreversion language is revised so that the funds remain
14 available indefinitely for the purposes for which appropriated
15 or transferred.

16 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively
17 applicable to May 17, 2004, which was the effective date of
18 the latest amendments to that appropriation.

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