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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 988** HLS 16RS 1792  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Increases Eligibles for LA Military Family Assistance Fund	

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 Provides relative to Louisiana Military Family Assistance

Present law provides for the LA Military Family Assistance Fund, which provides funding for need-based claims of family members of activated military personnel, transportation, and other costs of activated personnel and veterans outreach programs. Present law defines "activated military personnel" as persons domiciled in LA for civilian purposes, names LA as home of record, and is a reserve member of the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, or certain members of the LA National Guard. Proposed law expands definition of "activated military personnel" to include veterans of the US Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase expenditures from the statutorily dedicated LA Military Family Assistance Fund within the Dept. of Veterans Affairs (DVA) by an indeterminable amount. The proposed legislation increases the number of persons eligible to apply for claims from the LA Military Assistance Fund. Expenditures will increase to the extent eligible persons apply for claims and receive claim approval from the LA Military Assistance Board. Because the number of claims that the board may approve in a given year is unknown, the exact increase is indeterminable.

For referential purposes, the LA Military Assistance Fund receives revenues from private donations, public donations, gifts, grants, and other revenues as appropriated by the legislature. In FY 15, the fund had a beginning-year balance of approximately \$621,500, received revenues of approximately \$99,000, and had a budgeted authority of \$115,528. Disbursements to activated military personnel associated with approved claims totaled approximately \$20,000 in FY 15. The current-year budgeted authority of the fund totals \$115,528 with a year-to-date disbursements totaling \$4,340 and revenues totaling \$68,360. The present unencumbered balance of the fund is \$862,755.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u>   | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |              |

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