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HOUSE BILL 2320

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of veterans' services;
3 mental and behavioral health; exemption

4 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
5 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of veterans' services for
6 grants to nonprofit organizations that deliver evidence-based, trauma
7 informed, clinical care, physical fitness and strength conditioning
8 training from a certified strength and conditioning specialist, mindful
9 movement classes, nutritional guidance from a registered dietitian,
10 wellness, education, peer outreach, programming for Native American
11 veterans, and clinician training for the benefit of active duty service
12 members, veterans of all eras and discharge status, and their families,
13 who are impacted by mental and behavioral health issues, including any of
14 the following:

- 15 1. Post-traumatic stress injuries.
- 16 2. Traumatic brain injuries.
- 17 3. Depression.
- 18 4. Anxiety.
- 19 5. Substance use disorder.
- 20 6. Suicidal ideation.

21 B. Nonprofit organizations shall administer the services described
22 in subsection A of this section in partnership with qualified hospital
23 systems within this state and state universities, regardless of the dates
24 the veterans or active duty service members served in the military or were
25 discharged or separated from service.

26 C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
27 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
28 to lapsing of appropriations.