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Introduced by
Representatives Gillette: Biasiucci, Kupper; Senator Angius

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 consumer
5 remediation subaccount of the consumer restitution and remediation
6 revolving fund established by section 44-1531.02, Arizona Revised
7 Statutes, in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of veterans' services
8 for grants to nonprofit organizations that deliver evidence-based, trauma
9 informed, clinical care, physical fitness and strength conditioning
10 training from a certified strength and conditioning specialist, mindful
11 movement classes, nutritional guidance from a registered dietician,
12 wellness, education, peer outreach, programming for Native American
13 veterans, and clinician training for the benefit of active duty service
14 members, veterans of all eras and discharge status, and their families,
15 who are impacted by mental and behavioral health issues, including any of
16 the following:

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

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

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