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HOUSE BILL 2620

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 emergency shelters; fiscal years 2026-2027,
4 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and 2030-2031;
5 reports; exemption; delayed repeal

6 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
7 in each of fiscal years 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030 and
8 2030-2031 to the department of veterans' services to distribute as grants
9 to emergency shelters.

10 B. Grant monies shall be distributed to emergency shelters that do
11 not require a pre-scheduled intake appointment and that provide the
12 following:

- 13 1. Low-barrier, single adult, emergency shelter.
- 14 2. One hundred or more beds.
- 15 3. Aid for homeless veterans in this state.

16 C. On or before June 30, 2026 and each year thereafter, the
17 department of veterans' services shall submit a report to the governor,
18 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives
19 and the chairperson and the vice chairperson of the joint legislative
20 audit committee of all of the following information for each organization
21 that is a grant recipient pursuant to subsection A of this section:

- 22 1. All expenditures of monies granted to aid homeless veterans in
23 this state.
- 24 2. The metrics used to analyze the success of each expenditure of
25 monies pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 26 3. The military discharge status of each veteran who is served by
27 the organization. Each organization shall inquire with the United States
28 department of veterans affairs if additional federal services are
29 available for the veteran and shall provide that information to the
30 department of veterans' services.

31 D. On or before June 30, 2031, the department of veterans' services
32 shall submit a final report to the governor, the president of the senate,
33 the speaker of the house of representatives and the chairperson and vice
34 chairperson of the joint legislative audit committee that contains all of
35 the following information:

- 36 1. Activities funded by the appropriation made pursuant to
37 subsection A of this section and associated expenditures by each grant
38 recipient organization.
- 39 2. Outcomes of all expenditures from the appropriation made
40 pursuant to subsection A of this section.
- 41 3. The total number of persons aggregated by military discharge
42 status who were served by a grant funded by the appropriation made
43 pursuant to subsection A of this section by each grant recipient
44 organization.

- 1 4. Any recommendations by each grant recipient organization.
- 2 E. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
- 3 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
- 4 to lapsing of appropriations.
- 5 F. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2031.