

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1207

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 41-608, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-608. Veterans' donations fund; grants; annual report

5 A. The veterans' donations fund is established consisting of monies,
6 gifts and contributions donated to the department and monies deposited
7 pursuant to sections 28-2414, 28-2428, 28-2431, 28-2447, 28-2454,
8 28-2470.10, 28-2473, 28-2474, 28-2475, 28-2476 and 43-620. The department
9 shall administer the fund. Monies in the fund are continuously
10 appropriated. The monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of
11 section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. The department shall
12 adopt rules or policies for grants of less than \$5,000 that encourage as
13 much competition as practicable.

14 B. The director or the director's designee may solicit and receive
15 donations, including in-kind donations, from the public for veterans. The
16 director shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, the
17 monetary donations in the veterans' donations fund. Monies in the fund are
18 subject to state auditing procedures. Except for monies deposited pursuant
19 to sections 28-2431 and 28-2447, the donations may be used for the benefit
20 of the veterans within this state as grants, subject to chapter 24 of this
21 title, if applicable.

22 C. The director shall establish a separate subaccount in the
23 veterans' donations fund for the deposit of monies received pursuant to
24 section 28-2431, subsection C. The monies in the subaccount shall be used

1 for the construction and maintenance of the enduring freedom memorial
2 authorized pursuant to section 41-1363 for placement in Wesley Bolin Plaza.

3 D. The director shall establish a separate subaccount in the
4 veterans' donations fund for the deposit of monies received pursuant to
5 section 28-2447, subsection F. The monies in the subaccount shall be used
6 for the benefit of women veterans in this state, including providing
7 shelter to homeless women veterans as grants, subject to chapter 24 of this
8 title, if applicable.

9 E. The director shall establish a separate subaccount in the
10 veterans' donations fund for the deposit of monies received pursuant to
11 section 28-2454, subsection C. The first \$32,000 in the subaccount shall
12 be reimbursed to the person that provides the \$32,000 pursuant to section
13 28-2454, subsection A. The director shall annually allocate monies from
14 the subaccount to a foundation that is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of
15 the United States internal revenue code for federal income tax purposes and
16 that is the nation's oldest and largest provider of need-based scholarships
17 to children of United States military members. The foundation must:

- 18 1. Have been in existence for at least fifty-two years.
- 19 2. Have provided more than thirty-three thousand scholarships that
20 are valued at almost \$90,000,000.
- 21 3. Have a mission that includes honoring marines and educating their
22 children.
- 23 4. Award scholarship monies to children of marines and navy corpsmen
24 who were killed or wounded in combat or who have demonstrated financial
25 need.

26 F. The director shall establish a separate subaccount in the
27 veterans' donations fund for the deposit of monies received pursuant to
28 section 28-2470.10, subsection C. The first \$32,000 in the subaccount
29 shall be reimbursed to the person that provides the \$32,000 pursuant to
30 section 28-2470.10, subsection A. The director shall annually allocate
31 monies from the subaccount to a foundation that is qualified under section

1 501(c)(3) of the United States internal revenue code for federal income tax
2 purposes. The foundation must:

3 1. Have been in existence for at least twenty years.

4 2. Have a mission that includes providing college scholarships to:

5 (a) The sons and daughters of those who have served the United
6 States honorably as soldiers in the United States army.

7 (b) The spouses of enlisted soldiers on active duty in the United
8 States army.

9 3. Envision increasing its fundraising and visibility to encourage
10 more applicants to apply for scholarships and to provide larger
11 scholarships to an increasing number of deserving applicants to both:

12 (a) Reward army families for the sacrifices that army soldiers make
13 every day to serve their nation.

14 (b) Help the spouses and children of army soldiers become leaders in
15 society.

16 4. Award scholarship monies to:

17 (a) Children of former United States army members who were killed
18 while serving in the United States army or who received an honorable
19 discharge or medical discharge.

20 (b) Children of UNITED STATES ARMY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING SERVING
21 IN regular active duty, active duty reserve or active duty national guard
22 ~~United States army members in good standing.~~

23 (c) Spouses of ~~enlisted~~ UNITED STATES ARMY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING
24 SERVING IN regular active duty, active duty reserve or active duty national
25 guard ~~United States army members in good standing.~~

26 G. The director shall inventory and account for the use of any
27 tangible personal property donated to the fund.

28 H. On notice from the director, the state treasurer shall invest and
29 divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned
30 from investment shall be credited to the fund.

1 I. THE DEPARTMENT:
2 1. MAY NOT DENY OR REFUSE TO AWARD A GRANT TO AN APPLICANT BECAUSE
3 THE APPLICANT IS A PREVIOUS GRANT RECIPIENT.
4 2. SHALL AWARD GRANT MONIES OF AT LEAST \$2,000,000 OR THE BALANCE IN
5 THE FUND ANNUALLY, WHICHEVER IS LESS.
6 3. SHALL PUBLISH A LIST OF GRANT RECIPIENTS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
7 WEBSITE.
8 J. BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR
9 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF VETERANS
10 WHO RECEIVED SERVICES THROUGH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE AWARDED GRANTS
11 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND
12 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF
13 THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE."

14 Amend title to conform

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