

House Engrossed

veterans' services; behavioral health; appropriation

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HOUSE BILL 2766

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 2024-2025 to the department of veterans' services
8 for grants to fund nonprofit organizations that deliver evidence-based
9 clinical care, wellness, education, peer outreach and clinician training
10 for the benefit of active duty service members, veterans and the families
11 of active duty service members and veterans who are impacted by mental and
12 behavioral health issues, including any of the following:

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

19 B. Nonprofit organizations shall administer the services described
20 pursuant to subsection A of this section in partnership with qualified
21 hospital systems and state universities, regardless of when the veterans
22 or active duty service members served in the military or discharge status.

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