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An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1162

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Caldwell, Camacho, Clifford, Froelich, Gonzalez R., Hamrick, Joseph, Keltie, Lieder, Nguyen, Slauch, Weinberg, McCluskie;
also SENATOR(S) Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer, Ball.

CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of military and veterans affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. In Session Laws of Colorado 2025, section 2 of chapter 476, (SB 25-206), **amend** Part XIV as follows:

Section 2. **Appropriation.**

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

APPROPRIATION FROM

	ITEM & SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	GENERAL FUND EXEMPT	CASH FUNDS	REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS	FEDERAL FUNDS
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
PART XIV							
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS							
(1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD							
Personal Services ⁷⁴	3,066,550		2,646,050		4,260 ^a		416,240(I) ^b
	(29.4 FTE)						
Health, Life, and Dental	2,188,185		872,373		43,912*		1,271,900(I)^b
	2,197,698		855,664		45,348 ^a		1,296,686(I) ^b
Short-term Disability	10,157		4,118		196 ^a		5,843(I) ^b
Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance	65,294		26,475		1,258 ^a		37,561(I) ^b
Unfunded Liability Amortization Equalization							
Disbursement Payments	1,450,964		588,336		27,946 ^a		834,682(I) ^b
Salary Survey	400,578		161,050		7,659 ^a		231,869(I) ^b
Step Pay	123,286		55,488		2,289 ^a		65,509(I) ^b
PERA Direct Distribution	285,383		115,717		5,497 ^a		164,169(I)^b
			279,886				
Workers' Compensation	137,377		64,173				73,204(I) ^b
Operating Expenses ⁷⁴	1,140,031		1,044,031		96,000 ^c		
Information Technology Asset Maintenance	232,817		232,817				
Legal Services	106,028		106,028				
Payment to Risk Management and Property Funds	1,268,201		1,268,201				
Vehicle Lease Payments ⁷⁴	135,712		64,366				71,346(I)^b
	108,353		51,397				56,956(I) ^b
Leased Space	63,893		63,893				

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Capitol Complex Leased Space	60,973		60,973				
Annual Depreciation-Lease Equivalent Payment	87,994		87,994				
Payments to OIT	764,306		764,306				
	761,565		761,565				
CORE Operations	12,261		12,261				
Digital Trunk Radio	53,688		53,688				
Civil Air Patrol Operations	70,365		70,365				
Local Armory Incentive Plan	20,000				20,000 ^c		
Statewide Indirect Cost Collections	163,923				4,688 ^d	1,042 ^e	158,193(I) ^b
Appropriation to the Colorado National Guard Tuition Fund	1,208,200		1,208,200				
Army National Guard Cooperative Agreement ⁷⁴ (84.1 FTE)	15,603,656		2,240,170				13,363,486(I) ^b
		28,719,822					
		28,699,235					

^a This amount includes approximately \$59,404 from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S., \$204 from the Veterans One-stop Center Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-713 (4), C.R.S., and ~~\$33,409~~ \$34,845 from various sources of cash funds.

^b These amounts are pursuant to cooperative agreements with the federal government for operations of the Colorado National Guard and are shown for informational purposes only.

^c Of this amount an estimated \$66,000 shall be from Armory Lease and Real Estate Proceeds, pursuant to Section 28-3-106 (1)(s)(I), C.R.S., and an estimated \$50,000 shall be from the Electric Vehicle Services Equipment Fund created in section 28-3-110 (1), C.R.S.

^d This amount shall be from various sources of cash funds.

^e This amount shall be from statewide indirect cost collections.

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(2) DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS							
Veterans Service Operations	1,836,476		1,789,496		46,980 ^a		
	(19.0 FTE)						
Veterans Mental Health Services	5,260,143		260,143			5,000,000 ^f	
			(2.0 FTE)				
County Veterans Service Officer Payments	1,367,189		1,367,189				
Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures ⁷⁵	1,683,256				1,683,256 ^a		
Veterans Assistance Grant Program	1,257,886		1,100,000		157,886 ^b		
			(0.5 FTE)				
Western Slope Veterans Cemetery	759,945		489,956		269,989 ^c		
	(7.8 FTE)						
Grand Junction Veterans One-stop Center/Western Region One Source	386,749		160,442		201,307 ^d	25,000(I) ^e	
			(3.1 FTE)			(1.0 FTE)	
		12,551,644					

^a These amounts shall be from the Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund created in Section 28-5-709 (1)(a), C.R.S.

^b This amount shall be from the Veterans Assistance Grant Program Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-712 (3), C.R.S.

^c This amount shall be from the Western Slope Military Veterans' Cemetery Fund created in Section 28-5-708 (1)(a), C.R.S.

^d This amount shall be from the Veterans One-stop Center Cash Fund created in Section 28-5-713 (4), C.R.S.

^e This amount is estimated to be received from amounts appropriated in the Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures line item in this division.

^f This amount shall be transferred from the Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Administration, Community-based Mental Health Services, Veterans Mental Health line item appropriation.

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(3) AIR NATIONAL GUARD							
Operations and Maintenance Agreement for Buckley/Greeley	3,126,844 (28.0 FTE)		474,112				2,652,732(I) ^a
Air Traffic Control Buckley	737,692						737,692(I) ^a (7.0 FTE)
Security for Space Command Facility at Greeley	390,000						390,000(I) ^a (6.0 FTE)
	<u> </u>	4,254,536					

^a These amounts are pursuant to cooperative agreements with the federal government for operations of the Colorado National Guard and are shown for informational purposes only.

(4) FEDERAL FUNDED PROGRAMS

National Guard Service Members	113,800,000						113,800,000(I) ^a (2,150.0 FTE)
	<u> </u>	113,800,000					

^a This amount is an estimate of federal expenditures for Colorado National Guard military personnel. This amount is not accounted for in the state accounting system and is shown for informational purposes only.

**TOTALS PART XIV
(MILITARY AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS)**

	<u>\$159,326,002</u>	<u>\$17,452,411</u>		<u>\$2,573,123</u>	<u>5,026,042^a</u>	<u>\$134,274,426^b</u>
	<u>\$159,305,415</u>	<u>\$17,584,161</u>		<u>\$2,574,559</u>		<u>\$134,120,653^b</u>

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^a Of this amount, \$25,000 contains an (I) notation.

^b This amount contains an (I) notation.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

74 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Executive Director and Army National Guard, Personal Services; Operating Expenses; Vehicle Lease Payments; Army National Guard Cooperative Agreement -- In addition to the transfer authority provided in Section 24-75-108, C.R.S., the Department is authorized to transfer up to 20.0 percent of the total General Fund appropriations in these line items between these line items. Transfers to or from the Vehicle Lease Payments line item may be used solely to address changes in the portion of costs covered by federal authorities for vehicle lease payments.

75 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Veterans Affairs, Colorado State Veterans Trust Fund Expenditures -- This appropriation remains available for expenditure until the close of the 2025-26 state fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.

Julie McCluskie
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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APPROVED _____

(Date and Time)

Jared S. Polis
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO