



January 20, 2012

SENATE BILL No. 31

DIGEST OF SB 31 (Updated January 19, 2012 11:45 am - DI 58)

Citations Affected: IC 10-17.

Synopsis: Grants from military family relief fund. Extends the period during which a qualified service member or dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund from one year to three years. Provides that a member of the Indiana national guard may be eligible to receive assistance from the military family relief fund if the member is activated for state duty. Requires the director of veterans' affairs to annually provide a report to the state budget committee concerning the grant program funded from the military family relief fund. Makes technical corrections. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on military and veterans affairs.)

Effective: July 1, 2012.

**Paul, Delph, Arnold, Banks, Becker,
Charbonneau**

January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs.

January 10, 2012, reported favorably — Do Pass. Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b); reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

January 19, 2012, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-12-7.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2009,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter, "qualified service
4 member" means an individual who is:
5 (1) an Indiana resident;
6 (2) a member of:
7 (A) the armed forces; or
8 (B) the National Guard; and
9 (3) serving on: ~~active duty:~~
10 ~~(A) after September 11, 2001; and~~
11 ~~(B) during a time of national conflict or war.~~
12 **(A) active duty during a time of national conflict or war; or**
13 **(B) state duty under IC 10-16-7-7.**
14 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.113-2010,
15 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
16 JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is established
17 to provide assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical services,

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1 basic transportation, child care, education, employment or workforce,
2 and other essential family support expenses that have become difficult
3 to afford for qualified service members or dependents of qualified
4 service members.

5 (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the commission
6 shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for
7 assistance as described in subsection (a). **The director shall each year**
8 **provide a report to the state budget committee concerning the**
9 **grant program under this chapter.**

10 (c) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's
11 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund for up to
12 ~~one (1) year~~ **three (3) years** after:

13 **(1) for a qualified service member ordered to state duty under**
14 **IC 10-16-7-7, the date the qualified service member's state**
15 **duty ends; or**

16 **(2) for a qualified service member on active duty,** the earlier
17 of: ~~the following:~~

18 ~~(1) (A)~~ **(A)** the date the qualified service member's active duty
19 service ends; **or**

20 ~~(2) (B)~~ **(B)** the date, as established by presidential proclamation or
21 by law, of the cessation of the national conflict or war with
22 respect to which the qualified service member is eligible to
23 receive assistance under section ~~7.5(3)(B)~~ **7.5(3)(A)** of this
24 chapter.

25 (d) The commission shall administer the fund.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 31, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 31 as introduced.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Report of the President
Pro Tempore

Madam President: Pursuant to Senate Rule 68(b), I hereby report that, subsequent to the adoption of the Homeland Security, Transportation and Veterans Affairs Committee Report on January 10, 2012, Senate Bill 31 was reassigned to the Committee on Appropriations.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 31, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 7, after "(a)." insert "**The director shall each year provide a report to the state budget committee concerning the grant program under this chapter.**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 31 as printed January 11, 2012.)

KENLEY, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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