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COMMITTEE REPORT

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MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1387, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

- 1 Delete the title and insert the following:
- 2 A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the
- 3 military and veterans and to make an appropriation.
- 4 Page 1, line 2, strike "may" and insert "**shall**".
- 5 Page 1, delete lines 14 through 17.
- 6 Page 2, delete lines 1 through 28.
- 7 Page 2, line 30, delete "Annually," and insert "**Within thirty (30)**
- 8 **days of their appointment, new county or city service officers must**
- 9 **attend a new service officer orientation presented by the Indiana**
- 10 **department of veterans' affairs and, according to the standards**
- 11 **established under section 4(4) of this chapter, become certified to**
- 12 **assist veterans and their dependents and survivors. The curriculum**
- 13 **for the new service officer orientation presented under this**
- 14 **subsection shall be determined by the director.**
- 15 (b) **Within one (1) year of appointment, new service officers**
- 16 **must attend a course presented by a national organization and**

- 1 **become accredited to represent veterans.**
- 2 **(c) An individual employed as a county or city service officer**
3 **under this chapter on July 1, 2013, is required to become**
4 **accredited not later than July 1, 2015, to represent veterans.**
- 5 **(d) Annually,".**
- 6 Page 2, line 30, strike "a" and insert "**all**".
- 7 Page 2, line 31, strike "officer" and insert "**officers**".
- 8 Page 2, line 32, delete "enable the service".
- 9 Page 2, line 33, delete "officer to".
- 10 Page 2, line 34, delete "." and insert ",".
- 11 Page 2, line 34, reset in roman "including".
- 12 Page 2, line 34, delete "The course of training must".
- 13 Page 2, line 35, delete "provide".
- 14 Page 2, line 37, after "entitled." insert "**After a service officer has**
15 **undergone this sustainment training and successfully passed a**
16 **written test, the service officer shall be recertified by the director**
17 **to assist veterans for the following year.**
- 18 SECTION 3. IC 10-17-14 IS ADDED THE INDIANA CODE AS
19 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
20 1, 2013]:
- 21 **Chapter 14. Service Officer Scholarship Fund**
- 22 **Sec. 1. (a) The service officer scholarship fund is established to**
23 **provide scholarships to eligible applicants for expenses associated**
24 **with service officer training, including travel and incidental**
25 **expenses of eligible applicants seeking initial and renewal service**
26 **officer accreditation.**
- 27 **(b) The department shall administer the fund. The expenses of**
28 **administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.**
- 29 **(c) There is annually appropriated to the service officer**
30 **scholarship fund from the state general fund forty-six thousand**
31 **dollars (\$46,000) to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The**
32 **fund may accept grants, gifts, and donations.**
- 33 **(d) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not**
34 **currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same**
35 **manner as other public funds. Interest that accrues from those**
36 **investments shall be deposited in the fund.**
- 37 **(e) Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not**
38 **revert to the state general fund.**

1 **Sec. 2. Money in the service officer scholarship fund shall be**
2 **used to provide scholarships for expenses associated with service**
3 **officer training, including travel and incidental expenses to service**
4 **officer training applicants in the following amounts:**

5 **(1) Up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for an applicant seeking**
6 **an initial service officer accreditation.**

7 **(2) Up to two hundred dollars (\$200) for an applicant seeking**
8 **to renew a service officer accreditation.**

9 **Sec. 3. A service officer scholarship applicant shall apply for a**
10 **scholarship under this chapter in a manner determined by the**
11 **department. The department shall determine the criteria that must**
12 **be met by each applicant to qualify for a scholarship under this**
13 **chapter.**

14 **Sec. 4. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
15 **implement this chapter."**

16 Page 2, delete lines 38 through 42.

17 Delete page 3.

18 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1387 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Frye R