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COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	18
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MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Replace the effective dates in SECTIONS 1 through 2 with
- 2 "[EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]".
- 3 Page 2, delete lines 22 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 4 insert:
- 5 "SECTION 3. IC 10-17-12-0.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.50-2009,
- 6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 7 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 0.7. **(a)** The purpose of the fund established
- 8 in section 8 of this chapter is to provide:
- 9 **(1)** short term financial assistance to families of qualified service
- 10 members for hardships that result from the qualified service
- 11 members' active duty service; **and**
- 12 **(2) funding for:**
- 13 **(A) grants for reimbursement for training; and**
- 14 **(B) the purchase of computer equipment and software;**
- 15 **for county and city veterans' service officers.**

1 **(b) Funding for the purposes described in subsection (a)(2) must**
 2 **be provided from the amount transferred to the fund under section**
 3 **13 of this chapter.**

4 SECTION 4. IC 10-17-12-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.54-2012,
 5 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 6 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) The military family relief fund is
 7 established to provide assistance with food, housing, utilities, medical
 8 services, basic transportation, child care, education, employment or
 9 workforce, and other essential family support expenses that have
 10 become difficult to afford for qualified service members or dependents
 11 of qualified service members. **The fund may also be used to provide**
 12 **for grants for reimbursement for training and for computer**
 13 **equipment and software for county and city veterans' service**
 14 **officers.**

15 (b) Except as provided in section 9 of this chapter, the commission
 16 shall expend the money in the fund exclusively to provide grants for
 17 assistance as described in subsection (a). The director shall each year
 18 provide a report to the budget committee concerning the grant program
 19 under this chapter.

20 (c) A qualified service member or the qualified service member's
 21 dependent may be eligible to receive assistance from the fund for up to
 22 three (3) years after the earlier of the following:

23 (1) The date the qualified service member's active duty service
 24 ends.

25 (2) The date, as established by presidential proclamation or by
 26 law, of the cessation of the national conflict or war with respect
 27 to which the qualified service member is eligible to receive
 28 assistance under section 7.5(3)(B) of this chapter.

29 (d) The commission shall administer the fund.

30 SECTION 5. IC 10-17-12-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 32 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 13. (a) The commission shall**
 33 **transfer one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) from the**
 34 **veterans' affairs trust fund established by IC 10-17-13-3 to the**
 35 **fund.**

36 **(b) There is appropriated to the commission one hundred eighty**
 37 **thousand dollars (\$180,000) from the fund for:**

38 **(1) grants for training county and city veterans' service**

1 officers under IC 10-17-1-10; and
 2 (2) the purchase of computers and software to be used by the
 3 city and county veterans' service officers.

4 (c) A county or city veterans' service officer may receive a grant
 5 for reimbursement for training expenses associated with service
 6 officer training, including travel and incidental expenses of eligible
 7 county and city veterans' service officers seeking initial or renewal
 8 service officer accreditation. A county or city veterans' service
 9 officer may receive a grant under this subsection in an amount not
 10 to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for reimbursement. The
 11 commission shall set standards for the reimbursement grants. A
 12 county or city veterans' service officer may apply to the
 13 commission for a reimbursement grant, and the commission may
 14 make a grant based on the commission's review of an application.

15 (d) A county or city that employs a veterans' service officer may
 16 receive a grant, in an amount not to exceed one thousand two
 17 hundred dollars (\$1,200), for reimbursement for computer
 18 hardware and software to enable the veterans' service officer to
 19 access national data bases for benefits for veterans. The
 20 commission shall set standards for the review of grants for the
 21 purchase of computer hardware and software under this
 22 subsection. A county or city may apply to the commission for a
 23 grant for reimbursement for the purchase of computer hardware
 24 and software, and the commission may make a grant based on the
 25 commission's review of an application.

26 SECTION 6. An emergency is declared for this act."

27 Delete page 3.

28 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1387 as printed February 1, 2013.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Brown T