

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-1031/1dn

ISR:hmh:km

December 6, 2000

Representative Schneider:

I included residency requirements for the grant program that are similar to the residency requirements of most other veterans' benefit programs. Is this okay?

Your drafting instructions did not specify the amount that should be appropriated from the veterans trust fund for the grant program. Thus, the schedule entry contains zeros. When you know the amounts you wish to appropriate, please contact me and I will add the amounts to the schedule.

Also, do you want to provide a date on which the program will end or a date by which applications must be received? The way the bill is drafted currently, DVA will be required to provide the \$500 grant to an eligible veteran even if the veteran applies for a grant in five years.

Also, s. 16.47 (2), stats., states that neither house may pass any bill containing an appropriation, increasing the cost of state government or decreasing state revenues by more than \$10,000 annually until both houses pass the executive budget bill, unless the governor or joint committee on finance or, under certain circumstances, the committee on organization of either house recommends that the bill be enacted as an emergency appropriation bill prior to the passage of the executive budget bill.

Note that, if this bill is introduced and enacted as an emergency measure prior to passage of the budget, the appropriation set forth in this bill will be repealed by action of the budget bill (which repeals and recreates the appropriations schedule). You may instead wish to consider having this bill drafted as an amendment to the budget bill to include the correct appropriation line amount. Alternatively, you may wish to include an effective date that is later than the projected date for passage of the budget bill. Finally, you may instead wish to introduce this bill for potential passage after the passage of the budget bill. If you choose this option, please check with me after budget passage to ensure that the cross-references in this bill are still accurate and that the numbers for created statutes in the bill have not been supplanted by the budget bill.

Please review this bill carefully to make sure it achieves your intent. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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