

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Lassa:

In reviewing this draft, please note all of the following:

1. The draft increases the amount in the appropriation schedule for the appropriation for fee remissions by \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2011–12 and by \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2012–13, but does not increase the amounts in the schedule for that appropriation after this biennium. It is a fundamental axiom of legislative procedure that one legislature cannot bind a future legislature. Indeed, in the case of appropriations, the biennial budget bill repeals and recreates the entire appropriation schedule, so any attempt to increase an appropriation amount after this biennium would be a nullity. The bill does, however, amend the appropriation *text* of s. 20.235 (1) (fz), effective on July 1, 2016, to make that appropriation a sum sufficient.
2. The draft includes the technical changes to ss. 36.27 (3n) (bg) and 38.24 (7) (bg) that were included in SB 53. Those changes are necessary because the Montgomery GI Bill, or “Old GI Bill,” was amended to permit a veteran to pass on his or her unused benefits to a dependent. So that reference must be included for dependents as it is for the veteran himself or herself. See ss. 36.27 (3p) (bg) and 38.24 (8) (bg), stats.

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