

ASSEMBLY, No. 2696

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SYNOPSIS

Requires annual General Fund appropriation to DMVA for purposes of base realignment and closure.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/13/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning an annual appropriation for the Department of
2 Military and Veterans' Affairs and supplementing P.L.1992, c.86
3 (C.38A:3-16 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation to
9 the contrary, there shall be appropriated annually an amount not to
10 exceed \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Military
11 and Veterans' Affairs for the preservation of military installations in
12 the event of federal action on base realignment and closure.

13 b. Any contract or agreement with a lobbyist or governmental
14 affairs agent to be paid, in part or in whole, from funds appropriated
15 pursuant to subsection a. of this section, shall be awarded every two
16 years in a manner substantially similar to the process set forth in
17 P.L.1997, c.399 (C.52:34-9.1 et seq.).

18 c. No later than July 15th of each year, the Department of
19 Military and Veterans' Affairs shall file a written report that details
20 each expenditure from the funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a.
21 of this section during the immediately preceding State fiscal year
22 ending June 30th.

23 The report shall be accompanied by copies of the receipts for each
24 item or service purchased or for which an expenditure was made at a
25 cost greater than a de minimus amount, together with: (1) the name
26 and mailing address of the person, business, or organization receiving
27 payment; and (2) a brief description of the item or service.

28 The report shall be available as a public record pursuant to
29 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) and shall be posted on the website
30 of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs.
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32 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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35 STATEMENT

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37 This bill will require an annual appropriation not to exceed
38 \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Military and
39 Veterans' Affairs for the Council on Armed Forces and Veterans'
40 Affairs for the preservation of military installations in the event of
41 federal action taken on base realignment and closure.

42 The bill also requires a competitive contracting process to be
43 followed every two years for any contract or agreement with a
44 lobbyist or governmental affairs agent to assist with the
45 preservation of military installations.

46 In addition, the bill requires an annual report to be submitted by
47 the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs that details each
48 expenditure from the funds provided for the preservation of military

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- 1 installations. The report is to be available as a public record and
- 2 posted on the website of the New Jersey Department of Military and
- 3 Veterans' Affairs.