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Provides relative to the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund

Proposed law expands how the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund can be used. Present law currently allows the fund to pay for family needs of military personnel, program administration costs, transportation expenses, veteran outreach, and educational benefits. Proposed law adds three new uses for the money: paying for burial costs of indigent veterans, educational benefits for certain children, spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans, and to issue annual grants in amounts limited to \$10,000 to certain tax-exempt organizations.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Agy. Self-Gen. Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Gen. Fd. Agy. Self-Gen. Ded./Other Federal Funds Local Funds	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law expands allowable uses of the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund to include paying for burial costs of indigent veterans, educational benefits for certain children, spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans, and to issue annual grants in amounts limited to \$10,000 to certain tax-exempt organizations. Broadening the allowable uses of the existing monies may lead to those funds being depleted more quickly.

Note: Deposits into the Louisiana Military Family Assistance Fund are from public and private donations, gifts, grants, and appropriations, including revenue from the "Support Our Troops" specialty license plates. Louisiana taxpayers can contribute via a checkoff option on state income tax returns. Additionally, driver's license applicants of any class can choose to donate \$1 when obtaining or renewing their license. As of 2/05/25, the balance of the fund is \$873,409.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	atues Nomas
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer