SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4811

A bill to amend 2004 PA 363, entitled

"Military family relief fund act,"

by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 35.1212 and 35.1214).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans affairs.

(b) "Family" or "families" means the military dependents as determined by the qualified individual's branch of service.

(c) "Fund" means the military family relief fund created in section 3.

(D) "NEED" MEANS AN UNFORESEEN SITUATION THAT CAUSES A TEMPORARY OR SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL EMERGENCY OR HARDSHIP THAT A

GRANT UNDER THIS ACT WILL RESOLVE AND FOR WHICH AN APPLICANT CAN DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO MEET EXPENSES IN THE FUTURE.

(E) ~~(d)~~ "Qualified individual" means an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

(*i*) The individual is or was a member of a reserve component of the United States armed forces based in this state or ~~who~~ is a resident of this state serving in a reserve component of the United States armed forces based in another state and is called to active duty by the president of the United States or the United States secretary of defense as a result of national response to September 11, 2001 or as a response to a national emergency declared by the president of the United States and for which funds are being spent by the federal government.

(*ii*) The individual's family can document the need for financial assistance for clothing, food, housing, utilities, medical services or prescriptions, insurance payments, vehicle payments, or other related necessities of daily living in either of the following situations:

(A) The need occurred ~~during the time the individual is on active duty.~~**MORE THAN 30 DAYS AFTER A UNIT RECEIVED AN ALERT ORDER FOR ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE OR WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER A UNIT RETURNED FROM ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE.**

(B) The need occurred because the individual has incurred a line of duty injury or illness.

(F) ~~(e)~~ "Reserve components of the United States armed forces" means all of the following:

(*i*) The army national guard of the United States.

(*ii*) The army, naval, marine corps, air force, and coast guard reserves.

(*iii*) The air national guard of the United States.

(G) "UNIT" MEANS A MOBILIZED UNIT IN WHICH THE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL IS IN ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE.

Sec. 4. (1) Each year that the contribution designation program **ADMINISTERED** under section ~~438~~ **435** of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL ~~206.438,~~ **206.435,** is in effect, an amount equal to the cumulative designations, plus interest and dividends earned, made under that section shall be appropriated from the general fund to the fund for use solely in support of the purposes provided in this act. ~~No~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, NO** money from the fund shall be used for the purpose of administering the fund or implementing section 438 of the income tax act of 1967, 1967 PA 281, MCL 206.438. **NOT MORE THAN $50,000.00 SHALL BE ALLOCATED ANNUALLY FROM THE FUND TO BE USED FOR ADVERTISING, MARKETING, AND PROMOTING THE GOALS OF THE FUND TO THE PUBLIC.**

(2) The money in the fund shall not be used by the department to replace funds otherwise designated to support similar programs within the department.