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SB-238

AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS FROM THE  
MILITARY RELIEF FUND.

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

| <b>Agency Affected</b> | <b>Fund-Effect</b>                          | <b>FY 25 \$</b> | <b>FY 26 \$</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Military Dept.         | Military Relief<br>Fund - Potential<br>Cost | See Below       | See Below       |

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill expands the eligibility for payments from the Military Relief Fund (MRF)<sup>1</sup> resulting in a potential revenue loss to the Fund to the extent additional payments are made. In FY 23 the MRF paid four grants totaling \$14,078 and the fund has a balance of over \$900,000<sup>2</sup>.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of payments made.

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<sup>1</sup>The MRF provides monetary grants to service members and their families that are experiencing a financial hardship as a result of military service. The Connecticut Military Department runs the program and Connecticut law caps payments at \$5,000 per grant.

<sup>2</sup>The MRF received an original appropriation in 2005 and since then has sustained a positive balance through gifts, grants, and donations of private citizens.

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