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HOUSE BILL No. 1056

DIGEST OF HB 1056 (Updated February 6, 2023 11:41 am - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 10-17.

Synopsis: State veterans' cemeteries. Provides that the Indiana state veterans' cemetery may include more than one physical location. Provides eligibility for burial in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery to certain members of: (1) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; (2) the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force. Provides eligibility for burial in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery to spouses of, minor children of, and unmarried adult children of certain members of: (1) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States; (2) the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; and (3) the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States Army, Navy, or Air Force. Removes program directors of the state approving agency from the list of the employees who must satisfy certain criteria to qualify as a director of veterans' affairs. Amends language addressing one time grants provided by the military family relief fund. Provides that the Indiana department of veterans affairs may provide grants to a qualified entity that provides services to veterans and is exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code for veteran suicide prevention.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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January 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.
February 6, 2023, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning public safety.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-11, AS ADDED BY P.L.144-2007,
2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) The following employees of the Indiana
4 department of veterans' affairs must satisfy the requirements set forth
5 in section 5(a) of this chapter:
6 (1) State service officers.
7 (2) Director of the state approving agency.
8 ~~(3) Program directors of the state approving agency.~~
9 ~~(4)~~ (3) Director of the Indiana state veterans' cemetery established
10 by IC 10-17-11-4.
11 (b) An employee of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs not
12 described in subsection (a) must:
13 (1) satisfy; or
14 (2) be the spouse, surviving spouse, parent, or child of a person
15 who satisfies;
16 the requirements set forth in section 5(a) of this chapter.
17 SECTION 2. IC 10-17-11-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

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1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. The Indiana state
 2 veterans' cemetery is established. **The Indiana state veterans'**
 3 **cemetery includes one (1) or more physical locations described in**
 4 **section 5 of this chapter.**

5 SECTION 3. IC 10-17-11-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 5. The cemetery
 7 consists of real property located on the grounds of **any of the**
 8 **following:**

9 (1) Madison State Hospital in Jefferson County, Indiana.

10 (2) **The Indiana Veterans' Home.**

11 SECTION 4. IC 10-17-11-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 10. (a) A veteran who
 13 is eligible to be buried in a national cemetery according to 38 U.S.C.
 14 2402 is eligible to be buried in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery
 15 established under this chapter.

16 (b) The spouse of a veteran who is eligible to be buried in a national
 17 cemetery according to 38 U.S.C. 2402 is eligible to be buried in the
 18 Indiana state veterans' cemetery established under this chapter.

19 (c) **An individual who is a member of:**

20 (1) **a reserve component of the armed forces of the United**
 21 **States:**

22 (A) **who was discharged or released from service under**
 23 **conditions other than dishonorable; or**

24 (B) **whose death occurs under conditions other than**
 25 **dishonorable while a member of a reserve component of**
 26 **the armed forces of the United States;**

27 (2) **the Indiana Army National Guard or the Indiana Air**
 28 **National Guard:**

29 (A) **who was discharged or released from service under**
 30 **conditions other than dishonorable; or**

31 (B) **whose death occurs under conditions other than**
 32 **dishonorable while a member of the Indiana Army**
 33 **National Guard or the Indiana Air National Guard; or**

34 (3) **the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States**
 35 **Army, Navy, or Air Force whose death occurs under**
 36 **conditions other than dishonorable while a member of the**
 37 **Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the United States Army,**
 38 **Navy, or Air Force;**

39 **is eligible to be buried in the Indiana state veterans' cemetery**
 40 **established by this chapter.**

41 (d) **The following relatives of an individual described in**
 42 **subsection (c) are eligible to be buried in the Indiana state**



1 **veterans' cemetery established by this chapter:**

2 **(1) A spouse.**

3 **(2) A minor child.**

4 **(3) An unmarried adult child.**

5 SECTION 5. IC 10-17-12-0.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.53-2021,
6 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
7 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 0.7. The purpose of the fund established in section
8 of this chapter is to provide short term financial assistance ~~including~~
9 ~~emergency one (1) time grants~~, to families of qualified service
10 members.

11 SECTION 6. IC 10-17-13.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2018,
12 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The department may make grants to
14 qualified entities to be used for the purpose of providing services to
15 veterans, including the following:

16 (1) Programs focused on eliminating homelessness, preventing
17 near term homelessness, and providing safe and secure living
18 conditions.

19 (2) Assisting veterans in moving from public housing assistance
20 programs to:

21 (A) home ownership; or

22 (B) stable, long term rental status.

23 A grant under this chapter for the purpose specified in clause (B)
24 may include up to nine (9) months of rental assistance.

25 (3) Assisting veterans in finding and using available federal and
26 state resources.

27 (4) Providing therapeutic services.

28 (5) Providing job training and job search assistance.

29 **(6) Preventing veteran suicide.**

30 (b) The department may make grants to the provider chosen by the
31 state department of health under section 6 of this chapter to be used for
32 the purpose of providing assistance to the provider to provide
33 diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment to veterans
34 receiving treatment under the pilot program established under section
35 6 of this chapter. However, a grant under this chapter may not be
36 awarded for the purposes specified in this subsection unless the state
37 department of health has adopted the rules required by section 6(g) of
38 this chapter. In addition, a grant may not be awarded for the purposes
39 specified in this subsection after the expiration of the pilot program
40 established under section 6 of this chapter.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred House Bill 1056, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 3, after line 10, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 6. IC 10-17-13.5-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-2018, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 4. (a) The department may make grants to qualified entities to be used for the purpose of providing services to veterans, including the following:

- (1) Programs focused on eliminating homelessness, preventing near term homelessness, and providing safe and secure living conditions.
- (2) Assisting veterans in moving from public housing assistance programs to:
 - (A) home ownership; or
 - (B) stable, long term rental status.

A grant under this chapter for the purpose specified in clause (B) may include up to nine (9) months of rental assistance.

- (3) Assisting veterans in finding and using available federal and state resources.
- (4) Providing therapeutic services.
- (5) Providing job training and job search assistance.

(6) Preventing veteran suicide.

(b) The department may make grants to the provider chosen by the state department of health under section 6 of this chapter to be used for the purpose of providing assistance to the provider to provide diagnostic testing and hyperbaric oxygen treatment to veterans receiving treatment under the pilot program established under section 6 of this chapter. However, a grant under this chapter may not be awarded for the purposes specified in this subsection unless the state department of health has adopted the rules required by section 6(g) of this chapter. In addition, a grant may not be awarded for the purposes specified in this subsection after the expiration of the pilot program established under section 6 of this chapter."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1056 as introduced.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

