

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Summary: FY 2008-09

HB 5812 Conference Summary

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	FY 2007-08 YTD	FY 2008-09	FY 2008-09	FY 2008-09	FY 2008-09	Difference: Conference Committee from YTD	
		Executive	House Passed	Senate Passed	Conference Committee	Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$1,680,900	\$1,681,200	\$1,681,200	\$1,681,200	\$1,681,200	\$300	0.0
Federal	59,605,900	57,538,200	57,538,200	57,538,200	109,988,200	50,382,300	84.5
Local	1,283,900	1,284,600	1,284,600	1,284,600	1,284,600	700	0.0
Private	1,463,300	1,463,700	1,463,700	1,463,700	1,463,700	400	0.0
Restricted	29,072,200	28,300,400	28,300,400	28,300,400	29,050,400	(21,800)	(0.1)
GF/GP	40,503,800	40,120,600	40,337,900	40,237,900	40,339,800	(164,000)	(0.4)
Gross	\$133,610,000	\$130,388,700	\$130,606,000	\$130,506,000	183,807,900	\$50,197,900	37.6
FTEs	1,022.0	992.0	992.0	992.0	992.0	(30.0)	(2.9)

Note: FY 2007-08 figures reflect supplementals and Executive Order (EO) actions through February 7, 2008.

Overview

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is responsible for the training and administration of Army and Air National Guard forces, providing combat-ready military forces during times of national emergency, and performing civil relief operations under the command of the governor during state emergencies. The Department's budget includes administrative and maintenance costs associated with these responsibilities as well as several National Guard-related programs such as the Challenge Program and the National Guard Education Assistance Program. The Department has oversight over the following veterans-related programs: state-licensed nursing care at veterans homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette, grant funding to veterans service organizations, and the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

Major Budget Issues

Major Budget Changes From FY 2007-08 YTD Appropriations		FY 2007-08 YTD	Exec. Rec. Change From YTD	Conference Committee Change From YTD
1. HMO Insurance Savings	Gross	N/A	N/A	(\$129,500)
Conference Committee reduced \$129,500 Gross and GF/GP in various lines for HMO savings.		GF/GP	N/A	(\$129,500)
2. 1/4% GF/GP Reduction	Gross	N/A	N/A	(\$202,500)
Conference Committee removes \$202,500 Gross and GF/GP in various lines for an across the board reduction.		GF/GP	N/A	(\$202,500)
3. War Veteran's Memorial Rehabilitation	Gross	N/A	N/A	\$5,000
House Subcommittee adds a new line in the Headquarters and Armories unit to fund the rehabilitation of the War Veteran's Memorial located on the state fairgrounds in Detroit. Corresponds with new boilerplate language in Sec. 305. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate adds \$100 as a placeholder for further discussion, removing \$100 GF/GP from the Headquarters & Armories line. Conference Committee adds \$5,000 GF/GP to this line with corresponding boilerplate in Sec. 305 providing these funds contingent on the receipt of \$50,000 from Wayne County.		GF/GP	N/A	\$5,000

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4. Veterans Service Organizations	Gross	\$4,029,600	\$0	\$0
House Subcommittee adds a 3% increase for the VSOs totaling \$117,300 GF/GP above the Exec. Rec. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. Supplemental funds in PA 113 of 2008 added a 3% increase to the VSOs after the Exec. Rec. and House passed MVA bill were released. <i>Conference Committee concurs to maintain the 3% increase.</i>	GF/GP	\$4,029,600	\$0	\$0
5. Headquarters and Armories	Gross	\$10,742,500	\$88,300	\$67,200
Exec. Rec. adds \$200,000 GF/GP for utilities and grounds maintenance at the Joint Forces Headquarters and Baker - Olin Building. Also removes \$111,700 GF/GP and moves to the new Internal Audit Services line. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs and reduces \$100 GF/GP as a placeholder for the War Veteran's Memorial Rehabilitation. <i>Conference Committee concurs with the Exec. Rec. and also removes \$5,000 GF/GP for the War Veteran's Memorial Rehabilitation and \$16,100 GF/GP to maintain the 3% increase for the VSOs.</i>	Federal	3,161,100	0	0
	Restricted	346,400	0	0
	GF/GP	\$7,235,000	\$88,300	\$67,200
6. D.J. Jacobetti Home Fund Shift	Gross	\$15,599,000	\$13,400	\$13,400
<i>Conference Committee shifts \$250,000 GF/GP from the D.J. Jacobetti Home to the Military Training Sites and Support Facilities line with a simultaneous \$250,000 increase in state restricted Income and Assessments furs for the Home.</i>	Federal	4,987,500	27,400	27,400
	Restricted	5,300,100	(34,400)	215,600
	GF/GP	5,311,400	20,400	(229,600)
7. Departmentwide Accounts - Vehicles and Equipment	Gross	\$1,660,100	\$400,000	\$400,000
Exec. Rec. adds \$400,000 in Federal funds for large vehicles and equipment purchases, such as dump trucks and graders, for use at Camp Grayling and Fort Custer. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. <i>Conference Committee concurs.</i>	Federal	1,266,100	400,000	400,000
	GF/GP	\$394,000	\$0	\$0
8. Federal Starbase Program Increase	Gross	\$957,000	\$815,000	\$815,000
Exec. Rec. adds authorization for technology training for 35 other Starbase program directors across the U. S. and Puerto Rico. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. <i>Conference Committee concurs.</i>	Federal	\$957,000	\$815,000	\$815,000
9. Human Resources Optimization and Consolidation	Gross	NA	(\$984,900)	(\$984,900)
Exec. Rec. reduces funds for human resources consolidation per Executive Order 2007-30. Also reduces 9.0 total FTE positions. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. <i>Conference Committee concurs.</i>	Federal	NA	(18,700)	(18,700)
	Restricted	NA	(136,900)	(136,900)
	GF/GP	NA	(\$829,300)	(\$829,300)
10. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	\$360,100	\$360,100
Exec. Rec. provides funding for employee economic adjustments; includes economic adjustments for Information Technology. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. <i>Conference Committee concurs.</i>	IDG	NA	300	300
	Federal	NA	155,000	155,000
	Private	NA	400	400
	Local	NA	700	700
	Restricted	NA	9,200	9,200
	GF/GP	NA	\$194,500	\$194,500
11. Military Retirement Cost of Living Increase	Gross	\$3,048,000	\$169,500	\$169,500
Exec. Rec. provides GF/GP for a federal cost of living increase. House Subcommittee concurs. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs. Senate concurs. <i>Conference Committee concurs.</i>	GF/GP	\$3,048,000	\$169,500	\$169,500
12. Capital Outlay Projects	Gross	N/A	N/A	\$53,400,000
<i>Conference Committee adds \$53,400,000 Gross for various capital outlay projects at Camp Grayling</i>	Federal	N/A	N/A	\$52,450,000
	Restricted	N/A	N/A	\$500,000
	GF/GP	N/A	N/A	\$450,000

Major Boilerplate Changes From FY 2007-08

Sec. 233. County Veteran's Counselor Incentives - NEW

Provides legislative intent for creating incentives for all counties to fund at least one full-time veteran's counselor. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs with the Subcommittee. Senate concurs and adds language encouraging matching funds or sharing information technology resources to maximize benefits for Michigan veterans. *Conference Committee concurs with the Senate.*

Sec. 234. Veterans Federal Benefits Claims Status - NEW

Provides legislative intent for assisting veterans with checking on their claims status either online or by telephone. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs with the Subcommittee. Senate concurs. *Conference Committee concurs.*

Sec. 237. Department Employee Travel Restrictions - NEW

Limits out of state employee travel to one departmental employee for each specific professional development conference or training seminar, with an exception if federal or private funds are used for travel and if more than one employee is required to attend.

Sec. 302(3). Challenge Program Low Income Participants - NEW

Exec. Rec. adds new language specifying that at least 75% of participants come from families at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. House Subcommittee does not concur and does not include this new language. House Appropriations Committee concurs with the Subcommittee. House Floor amendment concurs with the Exec. Rec. and includes this subsection. Senate does not concur with House and retains current law. *Conference Committee includes language for recruiting candidates from economically disadvantaged areas.*

Sec. 305. War Veteran's Memorial Rehabilitation - NEW

Provides \$100,000 for the rehabilitation of the War Veteran's Memorial located on the state fairgrounds in Detroit. House Appropriations Committee concurs. House concurs with the Subcommittee. Senate does not concur and does not include this language. *Conference Committee provides \$5,000 GF/GP contingent on the receipt of \$50,000 from Wayne County and allows the use of private donations.*

Secs 801, 802, and 803. Capital Outlay - NEW

Conference Committee inserts capital outlay boilerplate language for use of funds for various capital outlay projects.