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House Bill 5812 (S-1 as reported)
Committee: Appropriations

Throughout this document Senate means Appropriations Committee.

FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date Gross Appropriation	\$129,548,000
Changes from FY 2007-08 Year-to-Date:	
1. Veterans Service Organization (VSO) Grants. The House and Senate included in the FY 2008-09 base a 3% increase of \$117,300 given in FY2007-08 supplemental P.A. 113 of 2007.	0
2. Maintenance Equipment. The Governor, House, and Senate included Federal funds for the purchase of heavy equipment to be used for maintenance at the Camp Grayling and Fort Custer military training sites.	400,000
3. Military Retirement. The Governor, House, and Senate added GF/GP funds to pay for anticipated payments to retired Michigan Army and Air National Guard per P.A. 150 of 1967.	169,500
4. Starbase Program. The Governor, House, and Senate included additional Federal funds for science-related elementary school education program to provide training for Starbase directors from around the country.	815,000
5. Headquarters Maintenance. The Governor, House, and Senate added GF/GP for utilities and grounds maintenance at the Baker-Olin Building and the Joint Forces Headquarters located in north Lansing.	200,000
6. Human Resource Consolidation. The Department's HR responsibilities, including 9.0 FTEs and \$766,700 GF/GP, were transferred to the Civil Service Commission within the Department of Management and Budget per Executive Order 2007-30.	(922,300)
7. Human Resource Optimization. The HR optimization costs (all GF/GP) previously contained in the Department's budget were transferred to the Civil Service Commission within the Department of Management and Budget.	(62,600)
8. Internal Audit Consolidation. The Department's internal audit responsibilities, including 1.0 FTE, were transferred to the Department of Management and Budget per Executive Order 2007-31.	0
9. Information Technology. The Governor, House, and Senate applied a 5% administrative reduction, including a GF/GP reduction of \$600.	(1,700)
10. War Veteran Memorial Rehabilitation. The Senate added a \$100 placeholder for rehabilitation of Memorial located at the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The House included \$100,000.	0
11. Economic Adjustments. The Governor, House, and Senate included overall economic adjustments, including \$194,500 GF/GP and \$2,200 GF/GP for DIT.	360,100
12. Comparison to Governor's Recommendation. The Senate is \$117,300 Gross and \$117,300 GF/GP over the Governor.	
Total Changes	\$958,000
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Changes from FY 2007-08 Year to Date:**Amended Boilerplate Sections**

1. **Veterans Counseling.** The Senate added county counselors to those who would participate in an efficiency study and added additional fiscal reporting requirements to VSO Grant recipients. (Sec. 501)

New Boilerplate Sections

2. **County Counselor Incentive.** The House added and the Senate expanded upon language to state intent for creating incentive for all counties to fund at least one full-time veterans' counselor. (Sec.233)
3. **Veterans Benefit Status.** The House added language requiring the Department to develop system for a veteran to check benefit status by telephone or online. The Senate concurred. (Sec. 234)
4. **Internet Posting of Expenditures.** The Senate and House added language to require all fiscal year expenditures to be posted on public website. (Sec. 235)
5. **Travel Restrictions.** The Senate added language which provides for restrictions on travel for more than one employee. (Sec. 237)

Date Completed: 5-23-08

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