SENATE BILL NO. 541

September 11, 2025, Introduced by Senator HERTEL and referred to Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to create the Michigan National Guard member benefit fund; and to provide for the administration of and distributions from the fund.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan National Guard member benefit fund act".
- 3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Department" means the department of military and veterans5 affairs.
- 6 (b) "Fund" means the Michigan National Guard member benefit

- 1 fund created in section 3.
- 2 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan National Guard member benefit fund is 3 created in the state treasury.
- 4 (2) The state treasurer shall deposit money and other assets
- 5 received from any source in the fund. The state treasurer shall
- 6 direct the investment of money in the fund and credit interest and
- 7 earnings from the investments to the fund.
- **8** (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains
- 9 in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.
- 10 (4) The department is the administrator of the fund for audits
- 11 of the fund.
- 12 (5) The department shall expend money from the fund, on
- 13 appropriation, only to support implementing and administering both
- 14 of the following acts:
- 15 (a) The Michigan National Guard tuition assistance act, 2014
- **16** PA 259, MCL 32.431 to 32.434.
- 17 (b) The Michigan National Guard child care assistance act.
- 18 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless all
- 19 of the following bills of the 103rd Legislature are enacted into
- **20** law:
- 21 (a) Senate Bill No. 540.

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23 (b) Senate Bill No. 542.