

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the department of
2 veterans' affairs; to provide for a report; and to provide an exemption.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and
7 other income, to the department of veterans' affairs for the purpose of defraying the expenses of
8 the department of veterans' affairs, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending
9 June 30, 2023.

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
12 Veterans' affairs	\$1,200,129	\$377,115	\$1,577,244
13 State approving agency	285,658	6,313	291,971
14 Grants - transportation program	800,000	420,000	1,220,000
15 Transport vans	18,800	18,800	37,600
16 Service dogs	50,000	0	50,000
17 Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
18 Total all funds	\$2,354,587	\$1,113,728	\$3,468,315
19 Less estimated income	1,085,657	717,940	1,803,597
20 Total general fund	\$1,268,930	\$395,788	\$1,664,718
21 Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00
22 <u>Veterans' affairs</u>	<u>\$1,200,129</u>	<u>\$301,821</u>	<u>\$1,501,950</u>
23 <u>State approving agency</u>	<u>285,658</u>	<u>6,366</u>	<u>292,024</u>
24 <u>Grants - transportation program</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>420,000</u>	<u>1,220,000</u>

1	Transport vans	18,800	0	18,800
2	Service dogs	50,000	0	50,000
3	Veterans' home cemetery	0	291,500	291,500
4	Total all funds	\$2,354,587	\$1,019,687	\$3,374,274
5	Less estimated income	1,085,657	717,993	1,803,650
6	Total general fund	\$1,268,930	\$301,694	\$1,570,624
7	Full-time equivalent positions	7.00	1.00	8.00

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET - REPORT TO

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-sixth legislative assembly for the 2019-21 biennium and the one-time funding items included in the appropriation in section 1 of this Act:

12	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2019-21</u>	<u>2021-23</u>
13	Grant database enhancements	\$7,500	\$0
14	Temporary loan and grant position	140,000	0
15	Veterans' home cemetery	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
16	Total all funds	\$439,000	\$291,500
17	Less estimated income	<u>291,500</u>	<u>291,500</u>
18	Total general fund	\$147,500	\$0

The 2021-23 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget for the 2023-25 biennium. The department of veterans' affairs shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-eighth legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER SERVICE DOG

PROGRAM. The \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for the posttraumatic stress disorder service dog program in section 1 of chapter 25 of the 2019 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11 and any unspent funds from this program are available for the program during the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023.