

HB1096/516785/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1096
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Wilson” and substitute “, Wilson, Angel, Barron, Bromwell, Cullison, Hayes, Hill, Kelly, Kipke, Krebs, McDonough, Metzgar, Miele, Morales, Morgan, Pena–Melnyk, Pendergrass, Platt, Rosenberg, Saab, Sample–Hughes, Szeliga, West, and K. Young”; strike beginning with “Health” in line 2 down through “Establishment” in line 3 and substitute “State Government – Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program”; strike beginning with “Mental” in line 4 down through “Program” in line 17 and substitute “Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to adopt certain regulations; establishing the Veteran Employment and Transition Success Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to administer the Fund; authorizing the Program to provide certain individuals grants; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; providing that expenditures from the Fund shall be made in accordance with the State budget; and generally relating to the Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program”; strike in their entirety lines 18 through 23, inclusive; after line 23, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 6-226(a)(2)(i)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

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Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.

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BY adding to

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103.

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(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)";

in line 25, strike "Health Occupations" and substitute "State Government"; in line 26, strike "1-706" and substitute "9-960 and 9-961"; and strike beginning with "the" in line 26 down through "Spouses" in line 27 and substitute "the new part "Part IX. Veteran Employment and Transition Success Program"".

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 5, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike beginning with "Section(s)" in line 7 down through "That" in line 9; after line 10, insert:

"Article – State Finance and Procurement

6-226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise

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entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]

102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund;

103. THE VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION SUCCESS FUND.”;

in line 11, strike “Health Occupations” and substitute “State Government”; and after line 11, insert:

“9-958. RESERVED.

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PART IX. VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION SUCCESS PROGRAM.

9-960.

(A) THERE IS A VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION SUCCESS PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ASSIST TRANSITIONING VETERANS IN OBTAINING A CERTIFICATION, LICENSE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

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(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) ESTABLISH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM; AND

(2) SPECIFY WHICH INDIVIDUALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER § 9-961 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

9-961.

(A) THERE IS A VETERAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION SUCCESS FUND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO TRANSITIONING VETERANS SEEKING A CERTIFICATION, LICENSE, OR REGISTRATION UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(D) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MONEY IN THE FUND, THE PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL A GRANT.

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;
AND

(2) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE
FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(2) INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
THE FUND.

(H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike beginning with line 12 on page 2 through line 16 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 17, strike “4.” and substitute “2.”.