

HOUSE BILL 896

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By: **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Military)**

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Committee Report: Favorable

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Military Department – National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund
4 as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Military Department to provide funds for State
5 active duty mobilization of the National Guard; and generally relating to the
6 National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Public Safety

9 Section 13–220

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 **13–220.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE NATIONAL GUARD STATE**
17 **ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION FUND.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(B) THERE IS A NATIONAL GUARD STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION**
2 **FUND IN THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.**

3 **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PAY FOR PERSONNEL AND**
4 **EQUIPMENT FOR STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, AS**
5 **ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR.**

6 **(D) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

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

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

11 **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

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

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

15 **(G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE EXPENSES OF AND TO SUPPORT**
16 **THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN STATE ACTIVE DUTY STATUS.**

17 **(H) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN**
18 **THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

19 **(I) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE**
20 **GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

21 **(J) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**
22 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

23 **(K) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR STATE ACTIVE DUTY**
24 **MOBILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT**
25 **INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE**
26 **APPROPRIATED FOR STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

27 **(L) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND SHALL BE REPLENISHED IN A**
28 **TIMELY MANNER TO MAINTAIN THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF FUTURE**
29 **STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.