

HB5695



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5695

Introduced 2/22/2024, by Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as follows:

General Funds	\$169,387,500
Other State Funds	\$ 65,473,100
Federal Funds	\$ 2,607,800
Total	<u>\$237,468,400</u>

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented**
3 **in the General Assembly:**

4 ARTICLE 1

5 Section 1. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
6 as may be necessary, respectively, for the objects and purposes
7 hereinafter named, are appropriated from the General Revenue
8 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs:

9 CENTRAL OFFICE

10	For Personal Services	8,510,000
11	For State Contributions to Social	
12	Security	640,700
13	For Contractual Services	0
14	For Travel	0
15	For Commodities	0
16	For Printing	0
17	For Equipment	0
18	For Electronic Data Processing	0
19	For Telecommunications	0
20	For Operation of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
21	Total	\$9,150,700

1 Section 2. The amount of \$4,947,300, or so much thereof
 2 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 3 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 4 associated with the Central Office.

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6 Section 5. The sum of \$1,096,200, or so much thereof as may
 7 be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
 8 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs associated
 9 with the Veterans' Accountability Unit.

10 Section 10. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 11 as may be necessary, are appropriated from the General Revenue
 12 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and
 13 purposes and in the amounts set forth as follows:

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GRANTS-IN-AID

15	For Bonus Payments to War Veterans and Peacetime	
16	Crisis Survivors	198,000
17	For Providing Educational Opportunities for	
18	Children of Certain Veterans, as provided	
19	by law, including Prior Years Claims	<u>100,000</u>
20	Total	\$298,000

21 Section 15. The sum of \$3,500,000, or so much thereof as
 22 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
 23 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the payment of

1 scholarships to students who are dependents of Illinois
 2 resident military personnel declared to be prisoners of war,
 3 missing in action, killed or permanently disabled, as provided
 4 by law.

5 Section 20. The following named amount, or so much thereof
 6 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 7 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the object and
 8 purpose and in the amount set forth below as follows:

9 For Cartage and Erection of Veterans'
 10 Headstones, including Prior Years Claims425,000

11 Section 25. The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as
 12 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
 13 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs associated
 14 with the Illinois Warrior Assistance Program.

15 Section 30. The amount of \$27,030,900, or so much thereof
 16 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 17 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs
 18 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Chicago.

19 Section 31. The amount of \$5,000,000, or so much thereof
 20 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois
 21 Veterans' Homes Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for

1 costs associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Chicago.

2 Section 35. The amount of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof
3 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois Veterans
4 Assistance Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for
5 making grants, funding additional services, or conducting
6 additional research projects relating to veterans' post
7 traumatic stress disorder; veterans' homelessness; the health
8 insurance cost of veterans; veterans' disability benefits,
9 including but not limited to, disability benefits provided by
10 veterans service organizations and veterans assistance
11 commissions or centers; and the long-term care of veterans.

12 Section 40. The following named amount, or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois
14 Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Department of Veterans'
15 Affairs for the object and purpose and in the amount set forth
16 as follows:

17 For Specially Adapted Housing for Veterans240,000

18 Section 45. The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as
19 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois Military
20 Family Relief Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for
21 the payment of benefits authorized under the Survivors
22 Compensation Act.

1 Section 50. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 2 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
 3 Department of Veterans' Affairs for objects and purposes
 4 hereinafter named:

5 VETERANS' FIELD SERVICES

6 Payable from the General Revenue Fund:

7	For Personal Services	5,700,000
8	For State Contributions to Social	
9	Security	433,700
10	For Contractual Services	0
11	For Travel	0
12	For Commodities	0
13	For Printing	0
14	For Equipment	0
15	For Electronic Data Processing	0
16	For Telecommunications	0
17	For Operation of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
18	Total	\$6,133,700

19 Section 51. The amount of \$2,201,900, or so much thereof
 20 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 21 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 22 associated with Veterans' Field Services.

1 Section 55. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 2 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
 3 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and purposes
 4 hereinafter named:

5 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT ANNA

6 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

7	For Personal Services	6,343,100
8	For State Contributions to	
9	Social Security	486,300
10	For Contractual Services	0
11	For Travel	0
12	For Commodities	0
13	For Printing	0
14	For Equipment	0
15	For Electronic Data Processing	0
16	For Telecommunications	0
17	For Operation of Auto	<u>0</u>
18	Total	\$6,829,400

19 Payable from Anna Veterans Home Fund:

20	For Personal Services	1,155,600
21	For State Contributions to the State	
22	Employees' Retirement System	608,400
23	For State Contributions to	
24	Social Security	90,000
25	For Contractual Services	0

1	For Travel	0
2	For Commodities	0
3	For Printing	0
4	For Equipment	0
5	For Electronic Data Processing	0
6	For Telecommunications	0
7	For Operation of Auto Equipment	0
8	For Permanent Improvements	10,000
9	For Refunds	<u>30,000</u>
10	Total	\$1,894,000

11 Section 56. The amount of \$2,300,000, or so much thereof
 12 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Anna Veterans
 13 Home Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 14 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna, including
 15 prior years' costs.

16 Section 57. The amount of \$2,312,000, or so much thereof
 17 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 18 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 19 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Anna, including
 20 prior years' costs.

21 Section 60. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 22 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the

1 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and purposes
2 hereinafter named:

3 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT QUINCY

4 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

5	For Personal Services	32,944,700
6	For State Contributions to	
7	Social Security	2,496,900
8	For Contractual Services	0
9	For Travel	0
10	For Commodities	0
11	For Printing	0
12	For Equipment	0
13	For Electronic Data Processing	0
14	For Telecommunications	0
15	For Operations of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
16	Total	\$35,441,600

17 Payable from Quincy Veterans Home Fund:

18	For Personal Services	9,162,600
19	For Member Compensation	28,000
20	For State Contributions to the State	
21	Employees' Retirement System	4,761,600
22	For State Contributions to	
23	Social Security	774,500
24	For Contractual Services	0
25	For Travel	0

1	For Commodities	0
2	For Printing	0
3	For Equipment	0
4	For Electronic Data Processing	0
5	For Telecommunications	0
6	For Operation of Auto Equipment	0
7	For Permanent Improvements	640,000
8	For Refunds	<u>70,000</u>
9	Total	\$15,436,700

10 Section 61. The amount of \$9,817,900, or so much thereof
 11 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
 12 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 13 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy,
 14 including prior years' costs.

15 Section 62. The amount of \$11,489,900, or so much thereof
 16 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Quincy Veterans
 17 Home Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
 18 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy,
 19 including prior years' costs.

20 Section 65. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 21 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
 22 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and purposes

1 hereinafter named:

2 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT LASALLE

3 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

4	For Personal Services	12,596,800
5	For State Contributions to Social Security	1,056,400
6	For Contractual Services	0
7	For Travel	0
8	For Commodities	0
9	For Printing	0
10	For Equipment	0
11	For Electronic Data Processing	0
12	For Telecommunications	0
13	For Operation of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
14	Total	\$13,653,200

15 Payable from LaSalle Veterans Home Fund:

16	For Personal Services	4,504,200
17	For State Contributions to the State	
18	Employees' Retirement System	2,374,700
19	For State Contributions to	
20	Social Security	349,000
21	For Contractual Services	0
22	For Travel	0
23	For Commodities	0
24	For Printing	0
25	For Equipment	0

1	For Electronic Data Processing	0
2	For Telecommunications	0
3	For Operation of Auto Equipment	0
4	For Permanent Improvements	50,000
5	For Refunds	<u>50,000</u>
6	Total	\$7,327,900

7 Section 66. The amount of \$1,355,500, or so much thereof
8 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the LaSalle Veterans
9 Home Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
10 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle,
11 including prior years' costs.

12 Section 67. The amount of \$4,045,100, or so much thereof
13 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
14 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
15 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at LaSalle,
16 including prior years' costs.

17 Section 70. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
18 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
19 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and purposes
20 hereinafter named:

21 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT MANTENO

22 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

1	For Personal Services	27,142,500
2	For State Contributions to	
3	Social Security	2,393,300
4	For Contractual Services	0
5	For Travel	0
6	For Commodities	0
7	For Printing	0
8	For Equipment	0
9	For Electronic Data Processing	0
10	For Telecommunications	0
11	For Operation of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
12	Total	\$29,535,800
13	Payable from Manteno Veterans Home Fund:	
14	For Personal Services	8,673,200
15	For Member Compensation	5,000
16	For State Contributions to the State	
17	Employees' Retirement System	4,580,000
18	For State Contributions to	
19	Social Security	669,400
20	For Contractual Services	0
21	For Travel	0
22	For Commodities	0
23	For Printing	0
24	For Equipment	0
25	For Electronic Data Processing	0

1	For Telecommunications	0
2	For Operation of Auto Equipment	0
3	For Permanent Improvements	350,000
4	For Refunds	<u>100,000</u>
5	Total	\$14,377,600

6 Section 71. The amount of \$3,500,000, or so much thereof
7 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Manteno Veterans
8 Home Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
9 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno,
10 including prior years' costs.

11 Section 72. The amount of \$9,000,000, or so much thereof
12 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue
13 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs
14 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno,
15 including prior years' costs.

16 Section 75. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
17 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
18 Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs associated with the
19 operation of a program for homeless veterans at the Illinois
20 Veterans' Home at Manteno:

21	Payable from General Revenue Fund	968,800
22	Payable from the Manteno Veterans	

1	Home Fund	<u>201,500</u>
2	Total	\$1,170,300

3 Section 80. The following named amounts, or so much thereof
 4 as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to the
 5 Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and purposes
 6 hereinafter named:

7 STATE APPROVING AGENCY

8 Payable from GI Education Fund:

9	For Personal Services	0
10	For State Contributions to the State	
11	Employees' Retirement System	0
12	For State Contributions to	
13	Social Security	0
14	For Group Insurance	0
15	For Contractual Services	0
16	For Travel	0
17	For Commodities	0
18	For Printing	0
19	For Equipment	0
20	For Electronic Data Processing	0
21	For Telecommunications	0
22	For Operation of Auto Equipment	<u>0</u>
23	Total	\$0

1 Section 81. The amount of \$2,607,800, or so much thereof
2 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the GI Education Fund
3 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs associated
4 with the State Approving Agency.

5 Section 85. The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as
6 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Folds Of Honor
7 Foundation Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for
8 grants to aid in providing educational scholarships to military
9 families.

10 Section 90. The sum of \$1,250,000, or so much thereof as
11 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
12 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for expenses related to
13 the security and safety enhancements at all five Illinois
14 Veterans' Homes.

15 Section 95. The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may
16 be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
17 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for expenses related to the
18 agency's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
19 initiatives (DEIA) goals.

20 Section 100. The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as
21 may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of business

1 on June 30, 2023, from an appropriation heretofore made for
2 such purpose in Article 68, Section 100 of Public Act 103-0006,
3 as amended, is reappropriated from the General Revenue Fund to
4 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs associated with
5 dental care for veterans in the five state-run veterans' homes.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
7 2024.