ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL NO. <u>HB0016</u>

## ENROLLED ACT NO. 27, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2022 BUDGET SESSION

AN ACT relating to defense forces and affairs; expanding authorized uses of the military assistance trust fund; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

**Section 1.** W.S. 19-7-402(a)(intro), (i), (iii), (iv), by creating a new paragraph (v) and (b) is amended to read:

## 19-7-402. Wyoming military assistance trust fund; uses of trust fund; administration; rulemaking.

(a) The investment income from the military assistance trust fund created by W.S. 19-7-401 shall be administered by the adjutant general only to alleviate financial hardships faced by <u>any of the following</u>:

(i) Any member of the Wyoming national guard or a <u>military</u> reserve unit that is based in Wyoming who has been called to active duty or active state service;

(iii) Any other Wyoming resident performing service in the uniformed services as defined in W.S. 19-11-103(a)(ix) for any branch of the military of the United States; and

(iv) Members of the immediate family of those personnel identified in paragraphs (i) through (iii) of this subsection. For purposes of this <u>paragraph subsection</u>, "immediate family" means spouse and each child as defined by W.S. 2-1-301(a)(v) and, if they are dependents of the member of the military, the parents, grandparents, siblings, stepchildren and adult children of the member of the military:-

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(v) Any member of the Wyoming national guard who requires assistance in meeting dependent care responsibilities directly related to their service in the Wyoming National Guard to enable participation without financial hardship to the member or member's immediate family.

(b) The interest income earned <u>earnings</u> from the military assistance trust fund shall only be used as a last resort to assist eligible military personnel and families deal with financial hardship resulting from the military member's active duty status <u>or other required military duty</u> and shall not be used to supplant any other private or public funds to the extent such funds are available.

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2022.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk