

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0016

Military assistance trust fund-authorized uses.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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10 **19-7-402. Wyoming military assistance trust fund;**
11 **uses of trust fund; administration; rulemaking.**

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13 (a) The investment income from the military
14 assistance trust fund created by W.S. 19-7-401 shall be

1 administered by the adjutant general only to alleviate
2 financial hardships faced by any of the following:

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

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8 (iii) Any other Wyoming resident performing
9 service in the uniformed services as defined in W.S.
10 19-11-103(a)(ix) for any branch of the military of the
11 United States; ~~and~~

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13 (iv) Members of the immediate family of those
14 personnel identified in paragraphs (i) through (iii) of
15 this subsection. For purposes of this ~~paragraph~~ subsection,
16 "immediate family" means spouse and each child as defined
17 by W.S. 2-1-301(a)(v) and, if they are dependents of the
18 member of the military, the parents, grandparents,
19 siblings, stepchildren and adult children of the member of
20 the military ~~i~~.

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22 (v) Any member of the Wyoming national guard
23 who requires assistance in meeting dependent care

1 responsibilities directly related to their service in the
2 Wyoming National Guard to enable participation without
3 financial hardship to the member or member's immediate
4 family.

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

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

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