

Military, Veterans, and Indian Affairs

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S99 - Appropriations Act of 2018.

Sec. 19.1: Improvements to Veterans Cemetery. (SL 2018-5)

Sec. 19.1 of S.L. 2018-5 authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to apply for federal funds for future improvements to Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery and limits the amount applied for to a sum not requiring a State match that exceeds the excess cash balance in a specified DMVA fund and requires DMVA to submit a report by November 1, 2018, to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government providing the details of any improvement projects and federal grant requests, including match requirements and a time line for project development and completion.

This act was vetoed by the Governor on June 6, 2018, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on June 12, 2018. This section became effective on July 1, 2018.

S99 - Appropriations Act of 2018.

Sec. 19.2: Veterans Administration Scholarships/Technical Amendment. (SL 2018-5)

Sec. 19.2 of S.L. 2018-5, expands the class of individuals eligible for a Veterans Administration Scholarship. This section of the act became effective July 1, 2018.

S99 - Appropriations Act of 2018.

Sec. 19.3: Military Affairs Commission/Members and Payment of Expenses from BRAC Funds. (SL 2018-5)

Sec. 19.3 of S.L. 2018-5 amends the laws governing expenditure of funds from the Military Presence Stabilization Fund and the voting authority of members of the General Assembly serving on the North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) to:

- Eliminate the restriction limiting expenditure of certain Military Presence Stabilization Funds to the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
- Require the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to pay from its appropriations certain expenses approved by the NCMAC within 30 days of receiving a payment request by the NCMAC, and to make payment on any contract or grant awarded by the NCMAC no later than its due date without need of a request from the NCMAC.
- Extend to February 15, 2019, the due date of a report by the NCMAC to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government on expenditures from the Military Presence Stabilization Fund.
- Prohibit any member of the General Assembly appointed to the NCMAC from voting on matters that expend funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

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S125 - Various Changes to Education.

Sec. 2: Expand Eligibility of Children to Obtain Certain Wartime Veterans Scholarships.. (SL 2018-37)

S.L. 2018-37, Sec. 2 changes the definition of "child" for certain scholarships awarded to children of veterans. Various classes of scholarships are provided by the State to children of veterans who meet specific criteria. Two classes of these scholarships (Class II and Class III) are limited to no more than 100 children yearly. Part II expands the definition of "child" for purposes of qualifying for Class II and Class III scholarships to align with the federal definition of "child" used for determination of Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services, as follows:

- A stepchild of the member. This does not include a stepchild after the divorce of the member from the stepchild's parent by blood.
- An adopted child of the member, including a child placed in the home of the member by a placement agency (recognized by the Secretary of Defense) in anticipation of the legal adoption of the child by the member.
- An illegitimate child of the member if the member's parentage of the child is established in accordance with criteria prescribed in regulations by the Secretary of the relevant service branch.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs must document the number of applicants who apply for Class II and Class III scholarships, including the total number of applications received and total number of applications made eligible as a result of this Part and report on this information to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on General Government by March 30, 2019.

This section became effective June 22, 2018.

S559 - Study on Indian Tribes Eligibility for Grants. (SL 2018-46)

S.L. 2018-46 directs the Legislative Research Commission to study the legal status of certain Indian Tribes and report findings and recommendations to the 2019 General Assembly. This act also retroactively amends the law regarding funds allocated to The Golden Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation.

This section became effective June 22, 2018.