

H.731

An act relating to technical corrections for the 2022 legislative session

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 381, 20 V.S.A. § 1601, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 381. 20 V.S.A. chapter 85 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 85. ~~NEEDY~~ VETERANS IN NEED

§ 1601. AID TO ~~NEEDY~~ VETERANS IN NEED

(a) The monies annually available for the purposes of this chapter, or ~~so much thereof as may be~~ the amount of those monies that is necessary, shall be expended under the supervision of the Vermont Office of Veterans' Affairs at the direction of the Adjutant and Inspector General. The Office of Veterans' Affairs shall disburse ~~such~~ the funds, or ~~such part thereof as may be~~ necessary, in aiding, caring for, and educating ~~needy~~ veterans in need and ~~needy~~ persons in need who are legal dependents of veterans. The Office of Veterans' Affairs shall award funds to applicants approved for assistance based on criteria approved by the Adjutant and Inspector General. Monetary assistance will be given only to applicants who would not be better served by other State, federal, or private assistance programs. The Adjutant and Inspector General shall determine conditions for eligibility and ~~will~~ shall ensure that the program is managed to the limit imposed by the available funding. The Office of

Veterans' Affairs shall submit an annual report to the Adjutant and Inspector General on all fund activities at the end of each fiscal year. In addition, the Adjutant and Inspector General ~~will~~ shall review all fund expenditures at least once per fiscal year.

(b) The Office of Veterans' Affairs shall develop application and operating procedures for the fund, which must be approved by the Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General. Any deviation from the application and operating procedures shall be approved by the Adjutant and Inspector General. The application and operating procedures shall be available for review by applicants, service providers, and others that may have an interest in the fund.

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§ 1605. VETERAN EDUCATION

The Office of Veterans' Affairs may use some, none, or all of the funds to educate ~~needy~~ veterans in need about programs and benefits that will provide more permanent solutions to their financial situation. Any use of funds for veteran education or program support shall be approved in advance by the Adjutant and Inspector General.

Second: By adding a new section to be numbered Sec. 432a to read as follows:

Sec. 432a. 24 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

§ 5. CHITTENDEN

The County of Chittenden is formed of the towns of Bolton, Charlotte, Colchester, Essex, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jericho, Milton, Richmond, St. George, Shelburne, the City of South Burlington, Underhill, Westford, Williston, the City of Burlington, the City of Essex Junction, the City of Winooski, Buel's Gore, and so much of Lake Champlain as lies in this State west of the towns in the county adjoining the lake and not included within the limits of the County of Grand Isle. The City of Burlington is the shire town.