



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5412

LCO No. 2287



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACCOUNT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) There is established an
2 account to be known as the "Military Department emergency response
3 account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account. The account
4 shall contain any moneys required or permitted by law to be deposited
5 in the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any
6 fiscal year shall be carried forward in the account for the fiscal year next
7 succeeding.

8 (b) The Military Department shall administer the account. Moneys in
9 the account shall be used for the purpose of covering costs incurred by
10 the Military Department, or by other state personnel and resources, in
11 responding to an emergency, including, but not limited to, any natural
12 disaster, civil emergency or other event requiring a state response
13 thereto, whenever federal moneys for such purpose are not immediately
14 available, provided any such use shall be approved by the Governor in

15 consultation with the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
16 Protection.

17 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
18 the Treasurer shall transfer the sum of five hundred thousand dollars
19 from the Military Relief Fund, established under section 27-100a of the
20 general statutes, to the Military Department emergency response
21 account, established under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) establish the Military Department emergency response account, and (2) transfer moneys from the department's Military Relief Fund to said account.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]