



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Substitute Bill No. 5412**



**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 Adjutant General shall administer the account. Moneys in the  
9 account shall be used for the purpose of covering costs incurred by the  
10 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 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

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

**APP**      *Joint Favorable*