

Amend HB 161 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 6, strike "\$2,005,581,271" and substitute "\$2,003,581,271".

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill and cross-references to those SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION: COVID-19 REMEDIATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS. (a) The amount of \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission from money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for the purpose of providing funding to, to the extent authorized by other law, qualified organizations to provide COVID-19 remediation programs for veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or who are victims of military sexual trauma.

(b) Qualified organizations that receive money appropriated to the commission under Subsection (a) of this section must:

(1) provide:

(A) wraparound services, support, and training to veterans;

(B) a trained service dog, as well as housing, meals, equipment, veterinary care, and at least 120 hours of on-site training with the service dog;

(C) a caregiver support program for spouses, children, or other family members or friends who are direct support-givers to the veteran;

(D) services statewide, delivered by trained professional staff, that address existing conditions and remediate conditions made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic that could result in negative outcomes for veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or who are victims of military sexual trauma;

(E) dollar-for-dollar matching funds for services; and

(F) services at no cost to the veteran or the veteran's family; and

(2) be a member of and accredited by the Association of Service Dog Providers for Military Veterans.