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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. 161 (house committee report) as follows:

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

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

7 SECTION _____. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION:
8 COVID-19 REMEDIATION PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS. (a) The amount of
9 \$2,000,000 is appropriated to the Health and Human Services
10 Commission from money received by this state from the Coronavirus
11 State Fiscal Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established
12 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and
13 deposited to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325 for
14 the purpose of providing funding to, to the extent authorized by
15 other law, qualified organizations to provide COVID-19 remediation
16 programs for veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder or
17 traumatic brain injury or who are victims of military sexual
18 trauma.

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

21 (1) provide:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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