

HCS SCS SB 1336 -- MISSOURI MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF

SPONSOR: Kennedy (Bruns)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tax Policy by a vote of 14 to 0.

This substitute creates the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund in the state treasury. The fund will be administered by the Missouri Adjutant General who can make, subject to appropriations, grants from the fund to families of persons who are members of the Missouri National Guard or Missouri residents who are members of the reserves of the armed forces of the United States and have been called to active duty between September 11, 2001, and December 31, 2010, by the President of the United States.

In addition to state appropriations, in each taxable year beginning January 1, 2004, Missouri residents and corporations can designate a minimum contribution of \$1 on a single return or \$2 on a combined return to be credited to the fund from their refund amount or by separate payment.

The Director of the Department of Revenue is required to transfer the contributions on a monthly basis, less 1% of the amount in the fund at the time of the transfer during Fiscal Year 2005, to the State Treasurer for deposit into the fund. The amount transferred will be for Fiscal Year 2005 only and will not exceed \$70,000. Any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium will not revert to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.

The provisions of the substitute will expire six years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$745 to a cost of \$69,255 in FY 2005, \$0 in FY 2006, and \$0 in FY 2007. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill assists families of the Missouri National Guard and reserve members while they are on active duty. One-third of the deployed members earn less than they do in their civilian job.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kennedy; Office of Lieutenant Governor; Office of Adjutant General; and Missouri National Guard Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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