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Overview

Provides a \$250,000 appropriation to nonprofit organizations to coordinate and provide volunteer accounting and tax preparation services to low-income taxpayers.

Section

Appropriation. Provides a \$250,000 appropriation in fiscal years 2004-2005 from the general fund to one or more nonprofit organizations for the coordination and provision of taxpayer assistance services. Defines "taxpayer assistance services" to mean accounting and tax preparation services provided by volunteers to help low-income and disadvantaged taxpayers prepare and file federal and state income tax returns, and claims for the property tax refund. Authorizes taxpayer assistance services to represent their clients before the Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service.