

**Subject** Veterans and military affairs 2023 omnibus bill

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## Overview

This is the veterans and military affairs 2023 omnibus finance and policy bill. It includes appropriations to the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Proposed policy reforms impacting these two agencies are included in article 2.

## Article 1: Appropriations

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- 1 **Appropriations.**  
Establishes the fiscal years used for purposes of the appropriations provided in this bill and notes that many of the appropriations are supplemental to appropriations from the previous legislative session.
- 2 **Military affairs.**  
Contains various appropriations to the adjutant general of the Department of Military Affairs.
- 3 **Veterans affairs.**  
Contains various appropriations to the commissioner of veterans affairs.
- 4 **Veteran resilience project.**  
Expands eligibility for participation in the veteran resilience project.
- 5 **Cancellations; fiscal year 2023.**  
Cancels \$3,000,000 from the 2021 appropriation to the veterans homelessness initiative back to the general fund. Cancels \$754,000 from the 2021 appropriation to the Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. (These sums are reappropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2024.)

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- 6      **Camp Bliss grant program.**  
Establishes a grant for Camp Bliss in Walker, MN, for the camp to provide retreats for Minnesota veterans and their family members.
- 7      **Financial review of nonprofit grant recipients required.**  
Requires certain grant recipients to prove that they have sound financial standing and stable management.

**Article 2: Veterans and Military Affairs Policy**

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- 1      **Uses; veterans.**  
Conforming change associated with elimination of state veteran cemetery burial fees assessed for burial of a veteran’s family members. **[H.F. 837]**
- 2      **Burial fees prohibited.**  
Eliminates state veteran cemetery burial fees for the burial of a veteran’s spouse and dependent children. **[H.F. 837]**
- 3      **Definitions.**  
Modifies the definition of “resident veteran” for purposes of the veterans bonus program by eliminating the requirement that a veteran’s home of record at the time of entry into the military be located in Minnesota. **[H.F. 656]**
- 4      **Bonus amount.**  
Expands eligibility for the veterans bonus program. **[H.F. 656]**
- 5      **Reapplication allowed.**  
Authorizes veterans who were previously denied a bonus or a full bonus to reapply for the bonus based on the proposed expanded eligibility criteria. **[H.F. 656]**
- 6      **Educational assistance.**  
Increases the amount of educational assistance available to eligible service members and their family members under the Minnesota GI Bill. **[H.F. 1937]**
- 7      **Apprenticeship and on-the-job training.**  
Increases the amount of the aggregate reimbursement that eligible service members and their family members are entitled to receive for costs associated with

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apprenticeships and on-the-job training programs under the Minnesota GI Bill.  
**[H.F. 1937]**

**8 Additional professional and educational benefits.**

Increases the amount of the aggregate reimbursement that eligible service members and their family members are entitled to receive for costs associated with securing professional licenses and credentials under the Minnesota GI Bill. **[H.F. 1937]**



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