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**H. B. No. 95**

**Representatives White, A., Stewart  
Cosponsor: Representative Williams**



**A BILL**

To make an appropriation to support higher 1  
education institutions that are members of the 2  
Ohio Veterans Education Council. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** All items in this act are hereby appropriated 4  
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 5  
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 6  
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 7  
2026 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2027. 8  
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 9  
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 10

**Section 2.** 11  
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A	BOR DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION				
B	General Revenue Fund				
C	GRF	235450	Military and Veterans Offices	\$1,144,000	\$1,144,000

D	TOTAL GRF General Revenue Fund	\$1,144,000	\$1,144,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET FUND GROUPS	\$1,144,000	\$1,144,000

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(A) The foregoing appropriation item 235450, Military and Veterans Offices, shall be used by the Chancellor of Higher Education to support higher education institutions that are members of the Ohio Veterans Education Council. The Chancellor may consult with the Director of Veterans Services as needed. 14  
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(B) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235450, Military and Veterans Offices, up to \$213,750 in each fiscal year shall be used by the Chancellor to provide awards of \$2,500 per student to up to six students serving as a Military Community Advocate at an Ohio Veterans Education Council-member public university and up to three students serving as a Military Community Advocate at an Ohio Veterans Education Council-member public community college or private nonprofit university or college. 19  
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(C) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235450, Military and Veterans Offices, \$255,000 in each fiscal year shall be used for grants for military and veterans offices at institutions of higher education to support growth in private philanthropy, in collaboration with the National Veterans Leadership Foundation. 28  
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(D) Of the foregoing appropriation item 235450, Military and Veterans Offices, \$91,800 in each fiscal year shall be used to sponsor staff from military and veterans offices at institutions of higher education to attend the National Veterans Leadership Foundation's Advancement Institute. 33  
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(E) The remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 38

235450, Military and Veterans Offices, shall be used to do all	39
of the following:	40
(1) Support the administrative costs of the National	41
Veterans Leadership Foundation;	42
(2) Create a web site to connect veterans to programs and	43
offerings at all Ohio Veterans Education Council-member colleges	44
and universities;	45
(3) Administer membership and Ohio Purple Star status;	46
(4) Facilitate information sharing;	47
(5) Support any other expenses as determined appropriate	48
by the Chancellor, in consultation with the National Veterans	49
Leadership Foundation.	50
<b>Section 3.</b> Within the limits set forth in this act, the	51
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts	52
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation	53
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which	54
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from	55
operating appropriations contained in this act shall be	56
accounted for as though made in, and are subject to all	57
applicable provisions of, the main operating appropriations act	58
of the 136th General Assembly.	59