

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 295 Session of
2003

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FEBRUARY 18, 2003

AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 5, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, establishing the Military Family
3 Emergency Assistance Fund; ~~and making an appropriation.~~ <—

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 95

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

10 Sec.

11 9501. Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund.

12 § 9501. Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund.

13 (a) Established.--The Military Family Emergency Assistance
14 Fund is established in the State Treasury.

(b) Administration.--

(1) The Adjutant General, in cooperation with the State Treasurer, shall administer the fund and shall accept voluntary contributions from persons for the fund.

(2) Contributions received for the fund shall be distributed by the Adjutant General to servicemen or servicewomen or their families that have suffered a sudden or unexpected loss of income or other source of support or a death or an illness of a family member that creates a direct and immediate demonstrable financial need for assistance in order to provide themselves and their families with food, shelter, clothing, required medical care and other necessities of life.

(3) Persons applying for assistance from the fund must demonstrate that they have applied for and been turned down for existing relief programs as determined by the department.

(c) Rules.--In administering the fund, the Adjutant General shall, where possible, apply procedures and rules established for veterans' emergency assistance under Chapter 85 (relating to veterans' emergency assistance).

~~Section 2. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the General Fund for transfer to the Military Family Emergency Assistance Fund.~~

~~Section 3 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

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