

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 531 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, BROOKS, PENNYCUICK, BARTOLOTTA, ROBINSON,
BREWSTER AND COSTA, MARCH 15, 2023

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
MARCH 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in State Veterans' Commission and
3 Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans' Affairs, further
4 providing for Veterans' Trust Fund.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1721 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 1721. Veterans' Trust Fund.

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11 (e.1) Grant Evaluation Committee.--The Grant Evaluation
12 Committee is established within the department and the following
13 shall apply:

14 (1) The Grant Evaluation Committee shall:

15 (i) Review and evaluate applications for grants
16 provided under this subchapter.

17 (ii) Provide recommendations on the use of funds
18 under this subchapter to the Adjutant General.

1 (2) The review and evaluation of applications for grants
2 provided under this subchapter and the making of
3 recommendations for the use of funding under this subchapter
4 performed by individuals pursuant to the statement of policy
5 for the maintenance and use of the fund required under
6 subsection (e) prior to the effective date of this subsection
7 shall be performed by the Grant Evaluation Committee as
8 provided under paragraph (1).

9 (3) The Grant Evaluation Committee shall be comprised of
10 members appointed by the Adjutant General, the chairperson
11 and minority chairperson of the Veterans Affairs and
12 Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Senate and the
13 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Veterans Affairs
14 and Emergency Preparedness Committee of the House of
15 Representatives.

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17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.