

HCS SCS SB 1365 -- VETERANS' EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Subject to appropriations, this bill requires the General Assembly to encourage the development of veterans' outreach and education programs which promote the historical significance of veterans' military service. The programs must be approved by the Executive Director of the Missouri Veterans Commission and will be conducted in public schools, veteran cemeteries, veteran homes, and other institutions. This provision will expire six years from the effective date.

The bill also creates the Veterans' Historical Education Trust Fund which will be administered by the Missouri Veterans Commission and used for the purpose of contributing to the preservation of freedom and financing veterans' outreach and educational programs.

The Director of the Department of Revenue is required to deposit all amounts received or designated to the fund which include grants, gifts, appropriations, and federal moneys. Funds appropriated by the General Assembly can only be used for conducting veterans' outreach and educational activities. Unexpended balances remaining in the fund will not revert to the General Revenue Fund.