

### Proposed 2007 Session Legislation

Agency Name:  Agency No:

Priority Number:  Filename:

Short Title:

Agency Contact Person/Phone:

**1. Purpose:**  
 The Montana Military Family Relief Fund (MMFRF) would be established to provide short-term financial assistance, in the form of grants, to Montana National Guard members and/or families impacted by mobilization/deployment. To qualify for a grant, the military member would have to meet the following criteria: the military member is a member of the Montana National Guard in good standing; a current Montana resident; ordered to active duty for at least 100 consecutive days pursuant to either Title 10 or 32 of the United States Code; and his/her salary has decreased, by a specified percentage, from the member's civilian salary.

**2. Background:**  
 Some Montana National Guard members and their families experience short-term financial turmoil/hardship when a member of the Montana National Guard is mobilized for an extended period of active military duty. The MMFRF would be a resource whereby qualifying military members/families would receive grants, which would ease short-term financial burdens associated with the member being called to full-time military service.

**3. Fiscal Impact by Fund Type:** *This impact should be as specific as possible.*  
 There would be no fiscal impact, because the MMFRF would be self-sustaining and would generate revenue via two sources: 1). MT taxpayers would be able to designate (on their MT state income tax returns) an amount that would be contributed to the MMFRF. The contribution would be deducted from the taxpayer's refund and would not decrease the taxpayers tax liability; or 2). Individuals, organizations, or businesses could submit cash donations.

**4. Summary Checklist [Check & complete all that apply]--**

Housekeeping Only   
  Federal Requirement   
  Audit Recommendation (Audit No.)   
  Major Legislation  
 Anticipated to be Controversial Legislation   
  Bill Draft has been included in Legislation Submittal (if available)  
 Supports Submitted EPP Item Number:   
  Local Government Fiscal Impact  
 Increases FTE, or   
 Decreases FTE by

**List FTE amount and program**

Increases Existing Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]  
 Decreases Existing Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]  
 Establishes New Revenue   
 Tax   
 Fee   
 Penalty [amount in #3]

Leg. has been Submitted in Previous Legislative Sessions (list priority no, LC no, or bill no):

Legislation would affect other state agencies (list):

Dept of Revenue

Special Interest Groups Affected (list):

Other: