

**Committee on Military and Veterans  
Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security**

**SB 7010 — Department of Military Affairs Direct-support Organization**  
by Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee

The bill (Chapter 2017-7, L.O.F.) saves from repeal the Florida Department of Military Affairs' (DMA) statutory authority to establish a direct-support organization, which was set to expire on October 1, 2017.

In 2000, the Legislature enacted s. 250.115, F.S., authorizing the DMA to establish a direct-support organization to raise funds and make expenditures for the direct or indirect benefit of the DMA or the Florida National Guard. The Florida National Guard Foundation, Inc. (foundation) is the non-profit corporation that has since served as the direct-support organization to the DMA. The foundation operates pursuant to a written contract with the DMA. Its primary responsibility is to fund and administer an emergency financial assistance and scholarship grant program for current members of the Florida National Guard.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect July 1, 2017.  
*Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0*