By Senator Hill

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1-1225-03 See HB 419

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to military service family relief; providing an act name; authorizing 3 4 corporations to claim a credit against certain 5 taxes for salaries paid to military reservists 6 on active duty; providing a limitation; 7 providing requirements; amending s. 115.14, F.S.; requiring certain employing authorities 8 9 to supplement the military pay of certain personnel under certain circumstances; 10 providing for retroactive operation; providing 11 12 an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Military 16 17 Service Family Relief Act." Section 2. Corporation tax credits for salary paid to 18 19 military reservists while on active duty. -- A corporation may 20 claim a credit against any corporate income tax liability or 21 sales tax liability in this state equal to any salary paid to 22 a military reservist while on active duty, as long as the salary claimed for such person is not greater than the salary 23 paid to such person prior to being called to active duty minus 24 25 the amount of the military reservist's active duty base pay and benefit package. In order to claim the credit, the 26 27 corporation shall provide documentation of the income and 28 military pay of such person. 29 Section 3. Section 115.14, Florida Statutes, is 30 amended to read:

115.14 Employees.--All employees of the state, the several counties of the state, and the municipalities or political subdivisions of the state may, in the discretion of the employing authority of such employee, be granted leave of absence under the terms of this law; upon such leave of absence being granted said employee shall enjoy the same rights and privileges as are hereby granted to officials under this law, insofar as may be. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 115.09, the employing authority shall may supplement the military pay of its officials and employees who are reservists called to active military service for the first 30 days with full pay and, thereafter, in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. The employing authority may also, in its discretion, continue to provide any health insurance and other existing benefits to such officials and employees. Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2003.

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