

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to assistance for dependents of service  
 3           members on active duty; amending s. 250.5206, F.S.;  
 4           providing that eligibility for the Family Readiness  
 5           Program continues for a specified period following  
 6           termination of a service member's orders and his or her  
 7           return home; requiring the Inspector General of the  
 8           Department of Military Affairs to conduct semiannual  
 9           reviews and annual audits of the program;; providing an  
 10          effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 250.5206,  
 15 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16           250.5206 Family Readiness Program.--The Department of  
 17 Military Affairs shall establish a state Family Readiness  
 18 Program headed by a program director and based on the United  
 19 States Department of Defense National Guard and Reserve Family  
 20 Readiness Strategic Plan 2004-2005 initiative.

21           (4) ELIGIBILITY.--Eligible recipients shall include  
 22 persons designated as beneficiaries on the United States  
 23 Department of Defense Form 93, or who are otherwise dependents  
 24 of eligible service members, and who are residents of the State  
 25 of Florida. The period of eligibility to request assistance from  
 26 the fund continues for 120 days following termination of the  
 27 service member's military orders for qualifying service and  
 28 return to his or her home of record.

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29           (6) AUDITS.--The inspector general of the department shall  
30     conduct a semiannual review and an annual ~~monthly~~ audit ~~review~~  
31     of the program.

32           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.