

By the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security

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

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

14 Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section
15 250.5206, 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
25 State of Florida. The period of eligibility to request
26 assistance from the fund continues for 120 days following
27 termination of the service member's military orders for
28 qualifying service and return to home of record.

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

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

SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for 120 days following termination of a service member's orders and his or her return home. Requires that the inspector general conduct a semiannual review and annual audit of the program.