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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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4/8/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
 2 Appropriations (Fasano) recommended the following **amendment:**

Senate Amendment

5 Delete everything after the enacting clause
 6 and insert:

8 Section 1. Subsections (1), (4), and (7) of section
 9 250.5206, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

10 250.5206 Family Readiness Program.--The Department of
 11 Military Affairs shall establish the ~~a state~~ Family Readiness
 12 Program headed by a program director and based on the United
 13 States Department of Defense National Guard and Reserve Family
 14 Readiness Strategic Plan 2004-2005 initiative.

15 (1) PROGRAM PURPOSE.--The purpose of the program is ~~shall~~
 16 ~~be~~ to provide need-based financial assistance to eligible
 17 ~~families of~~ servicemembers of the Florida National Guard and

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18 United States Reserve Forces, including the Coast Guard Reserves,
19 who are on active duty serving in the Global War on Terrorism and
20 who are federally deployed or participating in state operations
21 for homeland defense, and eligible families of such
22 servicemembers.

23 (4) ELIGIBILITY.--

24 (a) The following persons are eligible to receive financial
25 assistance from the Family Readiness Program:

26 1. Florida residents who are members of the Florida
27 National Guard and United States Reserve Forces, including the
28 Coast Guard Reserves, who are on active duty serving in the
29 Global War on Terrorism and who are federally deployed or
30 participating in state operations for homeland defense; and

31 2. Florida residents who are designated as beneficiaries on
32 the United States Department of Defense Form 93, or who are
33 otherwise dependents, of a servicemember eligible under
34 subparagraph 1. and who are family members of such servicemember.

35 (b) An eligible person may request financial assistance
36 from the Family Readiness Program for 120 days following
37 termination of the eligible servicemember's military orders for
38 qualifying service and return to home of record. Eligible
39 ~~recipients shall include persons designated as beneficiaries on~~
40 ~~the United States Department of Defense Form 93, or who are~~
41 ~~otherwise dependents of eligible servicemembers, and who are~~
42 ~~residents of the State of Florida. The period of eligibility to~~
43 ~~request assistance from the fund continues for 120 days following~~
44 ~~termination of the service member's military orders for~~
45 ~~qualifying service and return to home of record.~~

46 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.--The department shall maintain
47 sufficient data to provide an annual report to the Governor and



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48 | the Legislature on the servicemembers and families served under
49 | the program, the types of services provided, and the allocation
50 | of funds spent.

51 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.