HOUSE BILL NO. 28

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BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THREE ADDITIONAL VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER POSITIONS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated $260,000 from the general fund to the department of military affairs for the biennium beginning July 1, 2027.

(2) The appropriation in subsection (1) is intended to fund three full-time equivalent positions of veterans' service officers.

(3) The legislature intends that the appropriation in subsection (1) be considered part of the ongoing base for the next legislative session.

(4) Money from the appropriation that is not spent during the biennium must revert to the general fund.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2027.

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