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Primary Sponsors: Reps. A. White and Stewart

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SUMMARY

- Appropriates \$1.144 million for FY 2026 and FY 2027 to support higher education institutions that are members of the Ohio Veterans Education Council.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Appropriation for Ohio Veterans Education Council members

The bill appropriates \$1.144 million for FY 2026 and FY 2027 and requires the Chancellor of Higher Education to support higher education institutions that are members of the Ohio Veterans Education Council. The Chancellor may consult with the Director of Veterans Services as needed.

The bill requires the Chancellor to use up to \$213,750 in each fiscal year to provide awards of \$2,500 per student to students working as Military Community Advocates at institutions of higher education that are members of the Ohio Veterans Education Council. Specifically, the Chancellor must provide awards to up to six students at public universities and up to three students at public community colleges or private nonprofit universities or colleges.

The bill requires the Chancellor to use \$255,000 in each fiscal year to provide grants for military and veterans offices at institutions of higher education to support growth in private philanthropy, in collaboration with the National Veterans Leadership Foundation.

The bill requires the Chancellor to use \$91,800 in each fiscal year to sponsor staff from military and veterans offices at institutions of higher education to attend the National Veterans Leadership Foundation's Advancement Institute.

The bill requires the remaining funds to be used to:

1. Support the administrative costs of the National Veterans Leadership Foundation;

2. Create a website to connect veterans to programs and offerings at all colleges and universities that are members of the Ohio Veterans Education Council;
3. Administer membership and Ohio Purple Star status;
4. Facilitate information sharing; and
5. Support any other expenses as determined appropriate by the Chancellor, in consultation with the National Veterans Leadership Foundation.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	02-11-25
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