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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a military family assistance  
2 program; adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW; and creating a new  
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Members of the Washington national guard are  
6 currently serving to protect the security and well-being of the United  
7 States. However, as they are carrying out these duties, many of their  
8 families are left without the adequate means to provide for their  
9 security and well-being.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
11 to read as follows:

12 (1) There is established in the department a military family  
13 assistance program. The legislature intends that, to the extent of  
14 available funds, the program shall be available to provide temporary  
15 financial assistance to families with members currently serving in the  
16 Washington national guard whose gross family income at time of  
17 application does not exceed one hundred fifty percent of the federal

1 poverty level as adjusted for household size and determined annually by  
2 the federal department of health and human services.

3 (2) The department shall grant assistance to as many applicants as  
4 will utilize available funds less appropriate administrative costs of  
5 the department, not to exceed five percent of moneys appropriated to  
6 the military assistance program.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 The department may receive such gifts, grants, and endowments from  
10 public or private sources as may be made from time to time, in trust or  
11 otherwise, for the use and benefit of the purposes of this chapter and  
12 expend the same or any income therefrom according to the terms of the  
13 gifts, grants, or endowments.

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