

# SB2550



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

### 2025 and 2026

### SB2550

Introduced 2/25/2025, by Sen. Elgie R. Sims, Jr.

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

Makes appropriations for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Veteran Affairs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as follows:

General Funds	\$160,460,600
Other State Funds	\$71,321,965
Federal Funds	<u>\$2,691,400</u>
Total	\$234,473,965

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning appropriations.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 ARTICLE 1

5 Section 1. The following named amounts, or so much thereof  
6 as may be necessary, respectively, for the objects and  
7 purposes hereinafter named, are appropriated from the General  
8 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs:

9 CENTRAL OFFICE

10	For Personal Services.....	7,804,900
11	For State Contributions to Social	
12	Security.....	597,100
13	For Operational Expenses of Central Office,	
14	including prior years' costs .....	4,947,300
15	For Expenses Related to the Security and Safety	
16	Enhancements at Illinois Veterans' Homes .....	1,250,000
17	For Expenses Related to the Agency's Diversity, Equity,	
18	Inclusion, and Accessibility Initiatives .....	<u>500,000</u>
19	Total	\$15,099,300

20 Section 5. The sum of \$1,096,200, or so much thereof as may  
21 be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to  
22 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for all costs associated

1 with the Veterans' Accountability Unit.

2 Section 10. The following named amounts, or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated from the General  
4 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the  
5 objects and purposes and in the amounts set forth as follows:

6 GRANTS-IN-AID

7	For Warrior Assistance Program.....	250,000
8	For Bonus Payments to War Veterans and Peacetime	
9	Crisis Survivors.....	198,000
10	For Providing Educational Opportunities for	
11	Children of Certain Veterans, as provided	
12	by law, including Prior Years' Claims .....	500,000
13	For Cartage and Erection of Veterans' Headstones,	
14	including Prior Years' Claims .....	<u>425,000</u>
15	Total	\$1,373,000

16 Section 15. The sum of \$3,500,000, or so much thereof as  
17 may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue  
18 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the payment of  
19 scholarships to students who are dependents of Illinois  
20 resident military personnel declared to be prisoners of war,  
21 missing in action, killed or permanently disabled, as provided  
22 by law.

23 Section 20. The amount of \$16,830,900, or so much thereof

1 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue  
2 Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs  
3 associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at Chicago,  
4 including prior years' costs.

5 Section 25. The amount of \$6,000,000, or so much thereof  
6 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois  
7 Veterans' Homes Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs  
8 for costs associated with the Illinois Veterans' Home at  
9 Chicago, including prior years' costs.

10 Section 30. The amount of \$2,000,000, or so much thereof  
11 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois  
12 Veterans Assistance Fund to the Department of Veterans'  
13 Affairs for making grants, funding additional services, or  
14 conducting additional research projects relating to veterans'  
15 post traumatic stress disorder; veterans' homelessness; the  
16 health insurance cost of veterans; veterans' disability  
17 benefits, including but not limited to, disability benefits  
18 provided by veterans service organizations and veterans  
19 assistance commissions or centers; and the long-term care of  
20 veterans.

21 Section 35. The amount of \$1,641,865, or so much thereof  
22 as may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
23 business on June 30, 2025, from an appropriation heretofore

1 made for such purpose in Article 75, Section 35 of Public Act  
2 103-0589, as amended, is reappropriated from the Illinois  
3 Veterans Assistance Fund to the Department of Veterans'  
4 Affairs for making grants, funding additional services, or  
5 conducting additional research projects relating to veterans'  
6 post traumatic stress disorder; veterans' homelessness; the  
7 health insurance cost of veterans; veterans' disability  
8 benefits, including but not limited to, disability benefits  
9 provided by veterans service organizations and veterans  
10 assistance commissions or centers; and the long-term care of  
11 veterans.

12 Section 40. The following named amount, or so much thereof  
13 as may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois  
14 Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Department of Veterans'  
15 Affairs for the object and purpose and in the amount set forth  
16 as follows:

17 For Specially Adapted Housing for Veterans.....240,000

18 Section 45. The amount of \$250,000, or so much thereof as  
19 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Illinois Military  
20 Family Relief Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for  
21 the payment of benefits authorized under the Survivors  
22 Compensation Act.

23 Section 50. The following named amounts, or so much

1 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
2 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for objects and purposes  
3 hereinafter named:

4 VETERANS' FIELD SERVICES

5 Payable from the General Revenue Fund:

6	For Personal Services.....	5,559,200
7	For State Contributions to Social	
8	Security.....	425,300
9	For Operational Expenses of Veterans' Field	
10	Services, including prior years' costs .....	<u>2,201,900</u>
11	Total	\$8,186,400

12 Section 55. The following named amounts, or so much  
13 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
14 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and  
15 purposes hereinafter named:

16 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT ANNA

17 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

18	For Personal Services.....	6,343,100
19	For State Contributions to	
20	Social Security.....	486,300
21	For Operational Expenses of Anna Veterans' Home,	
22	including prior years' costs .....	<u>2,312,000</u>
23	Total	\$9,141,400

24 Payable from Anna Veterans Home Fund:

25	For Personal Services.....	413,100
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1	For State Contributions to the State	
2	Employees' Retirement System.....	192,100
3	For State Contributions to	
4	Social Security.....	31,700
5	For Operational Expenses of Anna Veterans' Home,	
6	including prior years' costs .....	2,300,000
7	For Permanent Improvements.....	10,000
8	For Refunds.....	<u>30,000</u>
9	Total	\$2,976,900

10 Section 60. The following named amounts, or so much  
 11 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
 12 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and  
 13 purposes hereinafter named:

14 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT QUINCY

15 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

16	For Personal Services.....	32,944,700
17	For State Contributions to	
18	Social Security.....	2,496,900
19	For Operational Expenses of Quincy Veterans' Home,	
20	including prior years' costs .....	<u>10,075,800</u>
21	Total	\$45,517,400

22 Payable from Quincy Veterans Home Fund:

23	For Personal Services.....	11,239,700
24	For Member Compensation.....	28,000
25	For State Contributions to the State	

1	Employees' Retirement System.....	5,224,900
2	For State Contributions to	
3	Social Security.....	859,900
4	For Operational Expenses of Quincy Veterans' Home,	
5	including prior years' costs .....	11,928,300
6	For Permanent Improvements.....	640,000
7	For Refunds.....	<u>70,000</u>
8	Total	\$29,990,800

9 Section 65. The following named amounts, or so much  
10 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
11 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and  
12 purposes hereinafter named:

13 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT LASALLE

14 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

15	For Personal Services.....	12,596,800
16	For State Contributions to Social Security.....	1,056,400
17	For Operational Expenses of LaSalle Veterans' Home,	
18	including prior years' costs .....	<u>4,045,100</u>
19	Total	\$17,698,300

20 Payable from LaSalle Veterans Home Fund:

21	For Personal Services.....	4,975,100
22	For State Contributions to the State	
23	Employees' Retirement System.....	2,312,800
24	For State Contributions to	
25	Social Security.....	380,600

1 For Operational Expenses of LaSalle Veterans' Home,  
 2 including prior years' costs .....1,355,500  
 3 For Permanent Improvements.....115,100  
 4 For Refunds.....30,800  
 5 Total \$9,169,900

6 Section 70. The following named amounts, or so much  
 7 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
 8 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and  
 9 purposes hereinafter named:

10 ILLINOIS VETERANS' HOME AT MANTENO

11 Payable from General Revenue Fund:

12 For Personal Services.....27,142,500  
 13 For State Contributions to  
 14 Social Security.....2,393,300  
 15 For Operational Expenses of Manteno Veterans' Home,  
 16 including prior years' costs .....10,513,100  
 17 Total \$40,048,900

18 Payable from Manteno Veterans Home Fund:

19 For Personal Services.....9,539,500  
 20 For Member Compensation.....5,000  
 21 For State Contributions to the State  
 22 Employees' Retirement System.....4,434,600  
 23 For State Contributions to  
 24 Social Security.....729,800  
 25 For Operational Expenses of Manteno Veterans' Home,

1	including prior years' costs .....	3,592,100
2	For Permanent Improvements.....	350,000
3	For Refunds.....	<u>100,000</u>
4	Total	\$18,751,000

5 Section 75. The following named amounts, or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
7 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs associated with  
8 the operation of a program for homeless veterans at the  
9 Illinois Veterans' Home at Manteno:

10	Payable from General Revenue Fund.....	968,800
11	Payable from the Manteno Veterans	
12	Home Fund.....	<u>201,500</u>
13	Total	\$1,170,300

14 Section 80. The following named amounts, or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary, respectively, are appropriated to  
16 the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the objects and  
17 purposes hereinafter named:

18 STATE APPROVING AGENCY

19	Payable from GI Education Fund:	
20	For Operational Expenses of the State Approving Agency,	
21	including prior years' costs .....	<u>2,691,400</u>
22	Total	\$2,691,400

23 Section 85. The amount of \$100,000, or so much thereof as

1 may be necessary, is appropriated from the Folds Of Honor  
2 Foundation Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for  
3 grants to aid in providing educational scholarships to  
4 military families.

5 Section 90. The sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as  
6 may be necessary and remains unexpended at the close of  
7 business on June 30, 2025, from a reappropriation heretofore  
8 made for such purpose in Article 75, Section 100 of Public Act  
9 103-0589, as amended, is reappropriated from the General  
10 Revenue Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for costs  
11 associated with dental care for veterans in the five state-run  
12 veterans' homes.

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
14 2025.