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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/26/24
Bill No: HB240

Sponsor: Rep. Harland Vincent
Short VETERAN PTSD PROGRAM
Title: _____

Agency Name and Code HCA-630
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
\$0	\$2,000.0	Nonrecurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

House Bill 240 (HB 240) for the Military Veterans Affairs Committee, is an act that appropriates \$2,000,000 to Veterans’ Services Department for use in FY2025 to contract with a veteran, police, and first responder posttraumatic stress disorder therapy program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), roughly 1 in 3 first responders develop PTSD. In comparison, the incidence of PTSD in the general population is 1 in 5 people.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/dtac/supplementalresearchbulletin-firstresponders-may2018.pdf>

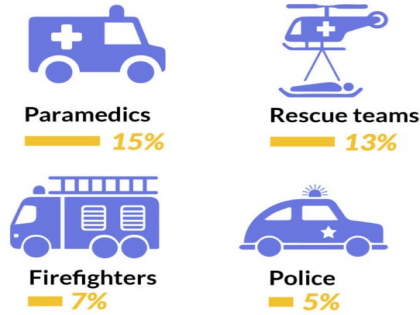
The 2014 JAMA Psychiatry study found the rate of PTSD for military veterans to be 15 times higher than civilians. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapsychiatry/fullarticle/1835338>

Per the Center for the Advancement of Health, 30% of first responders have mental health issues compared to 20% of the general population, and 80% of first responders describe being exposed to trauma during the course of their job duties. Between 10% and 15% of first responders have a PTSD diagnosis and 400,000 annually report symptoms of PTSD. Knowledge that PTSD symptoms they experience may be job related may increase their likelihood to seek and receive treatment.

Prevalence of PTSD Between the General Population and First Responders



Prevalence of PTSD Among First Responders



[Post-traumatic Stress Disorder \(PTSD\) Statistics: 2023 Update - CFAH](#)

The funds appropriated in this bill could assist veterans, police and first responders who have been diagnosed with PTSD to access therapy programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

AMENDMENTS

None