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Senate Bill No. 1304

CHAPTER 419

An act to add Section 90.2 to the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1304, Roth. Veterans: transitional assistance program: funding.

Existing law requires the Department of Veterans Affairs, by July 1, 2015, to develop a transition assistance program for veterans who have been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States or National Guard of any state, to assist those veterans in successfully transitioning from military to civilian life in the state.

This bill would authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs to accept donations of personal property, including cash or other gifts, to be used to further the purposes of the transition assistance program. The bill would create the CalTap Endowment Fund in the State Treasury for the purpose of receiving cash donations, and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund for the purpose of funding competitive grants in support of the transition assistance program. By creating a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority Appropriation: yes Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 90.2 is added to the Military and Veterans Code, to read:

- 90.2. (a) Notwithstanding Section 11005 of the Government Code, the Department of Veterans Affairs may accept donations of personal property, including cash or other gifts, to be used to further the purposes of the state's strategic plan for providing veterans with transitional assistance, as described in Section 90, or to reimburse the state for expenditures made by the state for these purposes.
- (b) (1) Cash donations made pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be deposited in the CalTap Endowment Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury.
 - (2) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, moneys in the fund shall be continuously appropriated for the purpose of funding competitive grants in support of the state's strategic plan for providing veterans with transitional assistance, as described in Section 90.