

Senate Bill No. 1448

An act relating to assistance for dependents of service members on active duty; amending s. 250.5206, F.S.; providing that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for a specified period following termination of a service member's orders and his or her return home; revising provisions requiring that the inspector general conduct reviews and audits of the program; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (4) and (6) of section 250.5206, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

250.5206 Family Readiness Program.—The Department of Military Affairs shall establish a state Family Readiness Program headed by a program director and based on the United States Department of Defense National Guard and Reserve Family Readiness Strategic Plan 2004-2005 initiative.

(4) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligible recipients shall include persons designated as beneficiaries on the United States Department of Defense Form 93, or who are otherwise dependents of eligible service members, and who are residents of the State of Florida. The period of eligibility to request assistance from the fund continues for 120 days following termination of the service member's military orders for qualifying service and return to home of record.

(6) AUDITS.—The inspector general of the department shall conduct a semiannual review and an annual ~~monthly~~ audit review of the program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor June 19, 2007.

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