

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 19

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS' NEEDS

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' NEEDS;
6 APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A
7 TERMINATION DATE."
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10 Legislatures provided an important liaison between state government, veterans' service organizations, and
11 veterans; and

12 WHEREAS, the 1995 Joint Interim Subcommittee on Veterans' Needs determined that the
13 continuation of a study Committee would be of great service to Montana veterans.
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22 appointed by the committee on committees.

23 (2) In case of a vacancy, a replacement must be selected in the manner of the original appointment.

24 (3) Members are entitled to salary and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

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27 priorities and responsibilities.

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12 special revenue to the legislative services division for the support of the committee on veterans' needs for

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