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The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services respectfully requests authorization to accept and expend additional Governor's Commission Funds in the amount of \$290,700.00 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Division for Behavioral Health to support the implementation of Childcare Access for Military Families program in up to five (5) select locations that currently provide New Hampshire licensed childcare services to their communities. Effective upon Fiscal Committee of the General Court and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2022. **100% Transfer From Other Agency.**

Funds are to be budgeted in the following accounts:

02-12-12-120010-NEWXXXX Dept. of Military Affairs and Veterans Services-Childcare

<u>Object Class</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>FY2022 Appropriation</u>	<u>Requested Change</u>	<u>FY2022 Adjusted Budget</u>
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$0.00	\$290,700.00	\$290,700.00
	Totals:	\$0.00	\$290,700.00	\$290,700.00
<b>Source of Funds</b>				
001-484992	Transfer From DHHS	\$0.00	(\$290,700.00)	(\$290,700.00)

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### EXPLANATION

The Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services requests authorization to accept and expend additional Governor's Commission Funds in the amount of \$290,700.00 for the purpose of supporting the implementation of the Childcare for Military Families program. This program will provide affordable and convenient childcare services to currently serving service members. Currently, National Guard and Reserve members often have difficulty finding affordable or available childcare services that for the times they are called to military service. Many childcare programs are not available at night or on weekends, creating stress amongst many military families who may have a family member serving on nights and/or weekends.

The Child Care Initiative was presented by the Joint Military Task Force to its governing body, the N.H. Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs, and has been approved for implementation under the auspices of wellness programming as a military community-based alcohol and drug abuse prevention strategy. Stable and dependable child care, among other family support services, reduces the likelihood of family stress among those working to meet their child care needs while meeting their military obligations. Consequently, this reduces the likelihood of substance misuse being considered as a coping mechanism to deal with stress.

Approximately 250 families will be served during State Fiscal Year 2022.

Class 102 - Contracts for Program Services funds will be used to enter into contracts with vendors that provide the implementation of Childcare Services.

Your favorable action on this request would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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FISCAL SITUATION 02-12-12-120010-NEWXXXX

FY 2022 Additional Award to FY 2022 Budget Appropriation	\$290,700.00
Less: FY 2022 Budget Appropriation	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Available Funds (Org. xxxx0000)	<u>\$290,700.00</u>
 This Request	 \$290,700.00