

IC 10-17-12.5

Chapter 12.5. Veterans Disability Clinic Fund

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"Commission"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the Indiana veterans' affairs commission established by IC 10-17-13-4.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

IC 10-17-12.5-2

"Department"

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by IC 10-17-1-2.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

IC 10-17-12.5-3

"Director"

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director of veterans' affairs.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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"Fund"

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the veterans disability clinic fund established by section 7 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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"Qualified law school"

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "qualified law school" means a law school:

- (1) located in Indiana; and
- (2) approved by the American Bar Association;

that operates a veterans disability clinic.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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"Veterans disability clinic"

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "veterans disability clinic" means a law school clinical program that:

- (1) offers practice opportunities to law students to counsel or represent veterans in claims for veterans disability compensation;
- (2) is part of the educational curriculum of the law school;
- (3) is under the direction of a law school faculty member who is recognized by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs under 38 U.S.C. 5904; and
- (4) provides legal services at no cost or nominal cost to

veterans.
As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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Establishment of fund; administration of fund

Sec. 7. (a) The veterans disability clinic fund is established to provide funding for grants to qualified law schools that establish or maintain a veterans disability clinic.

(b) The fund shall be administered by the commission.

(c) The fund consists of the following:

(1) Appropriations made by the general assembly.

(2) Donations to the fund.

(3) Interest.

(4) Money from any other source authorized or appropriated for the fund.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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Consultation by law school with department for grant consideration

Sec. 8. A qualifying law school that wishes to receive a grant to establish or maintain a veterans disability clinic under this chapter shall consult with the department to:

(1) identify veterans in need of counsel or representation in a claim for veterans disability compensation;

(2) inform veterans about the availability of legal services through the veterans disability clinic; and

(3) develop an educational outreach program as part of the veterans disability clinic to advise veterans of their rights in the claims process for veterans disability compensation.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.

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Rules

Sec. 9. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.89-2014, SEC.1.