

HCS HB 1893 -- GAMING FUNDS (Kelly)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Veterans

Currently, the laws regarding the distribution of gaming funds contain provisions that govern the administration of early childhood education and veterans' programs which are supported by gaming moneys. This substitute repeals and re-enacts those provisions with two changes and places them in the statutes that apply to veterans (Chapter 42, RSMo) and to education (Chapter 161). The changes include requiring grant funds to be made available for service officer training for outreach programs between veteran service organizations and the Missouri Veterans Commission and adds the Vietnam War to the list of conflicts for which service medals are awarded. An obsolete subsection that describes how distributions were made in Fiscal Year 1998 and earlier is also repealed.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2011, the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund and the Early Childhood Development Education Care Fund will each receive, subject to appropriations, an additional \$600,000 per year if the Gaming Commission Fund reaches the 2009 appropriation level for early childhood education. Once the \$1.2 million is distributed to these two funds, any additional moneys will be deposited into the Early Childhood Development Education and Care Fund.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.