

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No: HB-5412 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY
Title: RESPONSE ACCOUNT.

Vote Date: 3/10/2026

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/3/2026

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

In the case of a natural disaster or other emergency situation, the Connecticut National Guard has to respond to and mobilize Guard members for the situation. Currently, any money used for equipment or personnel during that emergency comes from the Military Department's budget, as there is no emergency response fund. This bill looks to alleviate the financial pressure placed on the CT Military Department by creating a Military Department emergency response account and transferring \$500,000 into that account.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[James Amaro, Chairman, Manchester Veterans Advisory Committee](#): Mr. Amaro expressed his support for this bill, emphasizing the importance of emergency preparedness and the need for an emergency response account.

[K. Robert Lewis, Legislative Committee Chairman, Connecticut American Legion](#): Mr. Lewis expressed his support for this bill.

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Date: 3/18/26