

1.1 Senator moves to amend the delete-everything amendment (SCS4429A-2)
1.2 to S.F. No. 4429 as follows:

1.3 Page 10, after line 9, insert:

1.4 "Sec. 18. Laws 2023, chapter 38, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.5	Subd. 2. Veterans Programs and Services	56,523,000	31,214,000
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1.6 The amounts that may be spent for each
1.7 purpose are specified in the following
1.8 subdivisions. The base is \$30,258,000 in fiscal
1.9 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

1.10 **(a) State's Veterans Cemeteries.** \$4,282,000
1.11 each year is for the operation of the state's
1.12 veterans cemeteries. The base for this
1.13 appropriation is \$3,782,000 in fiscal year 2026
1.14 and each fiscal year thereafter.

1.15 **(b) Veterans Service Organizations.**
1.16 \$500,000 each year is for grants to the
1.17 following congressionally chartered veterans
1.18 service organizations as designated by the
1.19 commissioner: Disabled American Veterans,
1.20 Military Order of the Purple Heart, the
1.21 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
1.22 Vietnam Veterans of America, AMVETS, and
1.23 Paralyzed Veterans of America. This funding
1.24 must be allocated in direct proportion to the
1.25 funding currently being provided by the
1.26 commissioner to these organizations.

1.27 **(c) Honor Guards.** \$200,000 each year is for
1.28 compensation for honor guards at the funerals
1.29 of veterans under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.30 197.231.

1.31 **(d) Minnesota GI Bill.** \$200,000 each year is
1.32 for the costs of administering the Minnesota
1.33 GI Bill postsecondary educational benefits,

2.1 on-the-job training, and apprenticeship
2.2 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.3 197.791.

2.4 **(e) Gold Star Program.** \$100,000 each year
2.5 is for administering the Gold Star Program for
2.6 surviving family members of deceased
2.7 veterans.

2.8 **(f) County Veterans Service Office.**
2.9 \$1,550,000 each year is for funding the
2.10 County Veterans Service Office grant program
2.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.608.

2.12 **(g) Camp Bliss.** \$150,000 each year is for a
2.13 grant to Camp Bliss as provided under article
2.14 2, section 9.

2.15 **(h) Veterans on the Lake.** \$50,000 each year
2.16 is for a grant to Veterans on the Lake for
2.17 expenses related to retreats for veterans,
2.18 including therapy, transportation, and activities
2.19 customized for veterans. These are onetime
2.20 appropriations.

2.21 **(i) Veteran Resilience Project.** \$300,000 each
2.22 year is for a grant to the veteran resilience
2.23 project. Grant funds must be used to make eye
2.24 movement desensitization and reprocessing
2.25 therapy available to veterans, veterans'
2.26 spouses, current military service members,
2.27 and current military service members' spouses
2.28 who are suffering from posttraumatic stress
2.29 disorder and trauma. The base for this
2.30 appropriation is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026
2.31 and each fiscal year thereafter.

2.32 The veteran resilience project must report to
2.33 the commissioner of veterans affairs and the
2.34 chairs and ranking minority members of the

3.1 legislative committees with jurisdiction over
3.2 veterans affairs policy and finance by January
3.3 15 of each year on the program. The report
3.4 must include an overview of the program's
3.5 budget, a detailed explanation of program
3.6 expenditures, the number of veterans and
3.7 service members served by the program, and
3.8 a list and explanation of the services provided
3.9 to program participants.

3.10 (j) **CORE Program.** \$1,225,000 each year is
3.11 for the Counseling and Case Management
3.12 Outreach Referral and Education (CORE)
3.13 program.

3.14 (k) **LinkVet Call Center.** \$369,000 each year
3.15 is for the operation of the state's LinkVet Call
3.16 Center.

3.17 (l) **Recently Separated Veterans Program.**
3.18 \$350,000 each year is for operation of the
3.19 recently separated veterans program. The
3.20 commissioner of veterans affairs may use
3.21 Department of Defense and other veteran data
3.22 that were provided with an appropriate
3.23 disclosure to assist with connecting veterans
3.24 to resources and new programming. The
3.25 commissioner may use money for personnel,
3.26 research, marketing, technology solutions, and
3.27 professional or technical contracts. The base
3.28 for this appropriation is \$300,000 in fiscal year
3.29 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

3.30 (m) **Homeless Veterans and SOAR**
3.31 **Program.** \$1,035,000 each year is to operate
3.32 the homeless veteran registry and homeless
3.33 programs and to assist veterans, former service
3.34 members, and veterans' and former service
3.35 members' dependents with obtaining federal

4.1 benefits through the Social Security
4.2 Administration. The commissioner of veterans
4.3 affairs may use money for personnel, training,
4.4 research, marketing, and professional or
4.5 technical contracts. The base for this
4.6 appropriation is \$1,344,000 in fiscal year 2026
4.7 and each fiscal year thereafter.

4.8 **(n) Minnesota Assistance Council for**
4.9 **Veterans.** \$7,865,000 the first year and
4.10 \$1,075,000 the second year are for grants to
4.11 the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
4.12 to provide assistance throughout Minnesota
4.13 to veterans and veterans' families who are
4.14 homeless or in danger of homelessness,
4.15 including assistance with:

4.16 (1) supportive services to maintain housing;
4.17 (2) employment;
4.18 (3) legal issues;
4.19 (4) housing and housing-related costs;
4.20 (5) transportation;
4.21 (6) the acquisition and creation of permanent
4.22 supportive housing; and
4.23 (7) property management of permanent
4.24 supportive housing.

4.25 Of these amounts, \$6,350,000 the first year is
4.26 for the establishment of permanent supportive
4.27 housing options for homeless veterans and
4.28 former service members. This is a onetime
4.29 appropriation and is available until June 30,
4.30 2026. \$440,000 the first year is for the direct
4.31 veteran assistance grant. This is a onetime
4.32 appropriation. Any unencumbered balance
4.33 remaining in this subdivision in the first year

5.1 for grants to the Minnesota Assistance Council
5.2 for Veterans does not cancel and is available
5.3 for the second year. Assistance authorized
5.4 under this paragraph must be provided only
5.5 to a veteran who has resided in Minnesota for
5.6 30 days prior to the veteran's application for
5.7 assistance and according to other guidelines
5.8 established by the commissioner. To avoid
5.9 duplication of services, the commissioner must
5.10 ensure that this assistance is coordinated with
5.11 all other available programs for veterans.

5.12 **(o) Veterans Bonus Program.** \$15,000,000
5.13 the first year is for service bonuses to
5.14 Post-9/11 Veterans and Gold Star families
5.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 197.79. This
5.16 is a onetime appropriation and is available
5.17 until June 30, 2024.

5.18 **(p) Metro Meals on Wheels.** \$540,000 each
5.19 year is for a grant to Metro Meals on Wheels
5.20 to provide: (1) home-delivered meals to
5.21 veterans; and (2) technical, enrollment,
5.22 outreach, and volunteer recruitment assistance
5.23 to member programs. Metro Meals on Wheels
5.24 must report to the commissioner of veterans
5.25 affairs and the chairs and ranking minority
5.26 members of the legislative committees with
5.27 jurisdiction over veterans affairs policy and
5.28 finance by September 1 each year with a
5.29 detailed explanation of how the grant money
5.30 was used and the number of veterans and
5.31 service members served by the program. This
5.32 is a onetime appropriation. Any unencumbered
5.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
5.34 year and is available for the second year.

6.1 **(q) Minnesota Military and Veterans**

6.2 **Museum.** \$225,000 the second year is for a
6.3 grant to the Minnesota Military and Veterans
6.4 Museum for museum staff to provide direct
6.5 services to veterans and their families. The
6.6 base for this appropriation is \$300,000 in fiscal
6.7 year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

6.8 **(r) Every Third Saturday.** \$100,000 each
6.9 year is for a grant to Every Third Saturday to
6.10 provide veterans with emergency assistance
6.11 and internships. Every Third Saturday must
6.12 report to the commissioner of veterans affairs
6.13 and the chairs and ranking minority members
6.14 of the legislative committees with jurisdiction
6.15 over veterans affairs policy and finance no
6.16 later than September 1, 2024, and by
6.17 September 1 of each subsequent year. Each
6.18 report must include, at a minimum, a detailed
6.19 explanation of how the grant money was used
6.20 and the number of veterans served by the
6.21 program. These are onetime appropriations.

6.22 **(s) Veteran Homelessness Initiative.**

6.23 \$4,311,000 the first year and \$1,311,000 the
6.24 second year are for an initiative to prevent and
6.25 end veteran homelessness.

6.26 **(t) Veterans Campground Wastewater**

6.27 **System Upgrades.** \$744,000 the first year is
6.28 for one or more grants to the Veterans
6.29 Campground on Big Marine Lake, a 501(c)(3)
6.30 nonprofit organization, to design, engineer,
6.31 permit, and construct wastewater systems on
6.32 campground property to increase the capacity
6.33 of wastewater systems. This is a onetime
6.34 appropriation.

6.35 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

7.1 Amend the title accordingly