

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: SB 1136

SPONSOR: Senator Kirkpatrick

SUBJECT: Military Affairs

DATE: March 2, 1999

REVISED: 3/10/99 _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Cooper</u>	<u>Yeatman</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Fav/1 amendment</u>
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I. Summary:

This bill authorizes the Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard (FNG) to establish a post exchange store. The store serves members of the FNG and other authorized users and is located at the Camp Blanding Training Site (CBTS).

This bill substantially amends section 250.10, F.S., 1998 Supplement.

II. Present Situation:

Section 250.05, F.S., establishing the Department of Military Affairs, provides:

The agency of the state government heretofore known as the Military Department shall hence forth be known, as the Department of Military Affairs of the state, which shall be composed of the military forces as provided in the laws of this state.

Section 250.10, F.S., 1998 Supplement, provides for the appointment and duties of the Adjutant General who is chief of the Department of Military Affairs.

Camp Blanding is the principal field training site for thousands of FNG members. It is a military installation that trains tens of thousands of National Guardsmen and Guardswomen, active Army and Reservists from all over the United States year-round.

There is currently a post exchange store (PX) at the Camp Blanding Training Site (CBTS). The post exchange is part of the Army and Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) with a \$300,000 yearly inventory. The PX has a selection of Army and Air Force clothing as well as Camp Blanding speciality items, civilian clothing, jewelry, radios, cameras, small appliances, automotive supplies, snacks, and cold beverages.

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) comments that they can provide a better quality post exchange store for members of the FNG and to the other individuals using the training site. For this reason, the Adjutant General has asked the AAFES to leave Camp Blanding. The DMA is committed to increasing and varying the store inventory, operating more convenient hours, and providing a better quality of service to the service members and their families.

The Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund consists of revenues realized at Camp Blanding, principally from the sale of timber products and royalties received from mining operations. By law, these funds are expended exclusively for the operation and maintenance of Camp Blanding.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill amends s. 250.10, F.S., 1998 Supplement, to authorize the Adjutant General of the FNG to establish a post exchange store for the members of the FNG and other authorized users at the CBTS.

The bill authorizes the use of funds from the Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund for the initial operations of the post exchange store. The bill also authorizes the Adjutant General to establish an account with a federally insured institution in the state to facilitate the operations of the store. Profits derived from the store must be deposited into the Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund and used to enhance facilities at CBTS.

The operation of the post exchange store must be in accordance with relevant provisions of Florida Statutes.

Section 2 provides an effective date upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

DuPont mining operations at Camp Blanding provides approximately \$1,000,000 a year to the Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund. DuPont is ceasing mining operations on July 1, 1999, and it is anticipated that profits from the post exchange store will offset the loss of revenue from DuPont.

VIII. Amendments:

#1 by Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee:

This amendment clarifies that the operation of the post exchange must be in accordance with state and federal laws, rules, and regulations, rather than only state law.