

Existing law requires the La. Military Family Assistance Board to meet as necessary to review all claims adjudicated by the third-party administrator and to make the following determinations:

- (1) That all awards are made on behalf of activated military personnel.
- (2) That all awards are made pursuant to a claim by family members of activated military personnel, or by the activated military person himself.
- (3) That all awards are need-based.

Existing law provides that claims may be considered need-based if all of the following applied:

- (1) Funds were requested for necessary expenses incurred, or to be incurred.
- (2) The necessary expenses created, or would create, an undue hardship on the family member.
- (3) The undue hardship could be directly related to the activation of the military person.
- (4) Payment of the claim by the fund did not supplant other available public or private funds.
- (5) The La. Military Family Assistance Fund was in fact the family member's last resort.

New law adds that the undue hardship may also be indirectly related to the activation of the military person.

New law requires the applicant or the family member to make reasonable attempts to secure alternative funding through another program.

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(Amends R.S. 46:123(D)(1)(c)(iii) and (vi))