

a **CLOSER** **LOOK** at the *2015-17 State Budget*



Veterans and Military Affairs

- Maintains solvency of the Veterans Trust Fund
- Provides \$500,000 to the Technical College System and requires matching funds from the System Board for the creation of a competitive Veterans Grant Jobs Pilot Program, which would provide grants to districts to support programs or services for veterans meeting certain criteria
- Specifies that county and tribal service office grants will be made on a reimbursable basis and using these grants for salary and fringe benefits will begin to be phased out
- Provides \$150,000 for municipal services provided to Veterans Homes
- Modifies the funding mechanism for National Guard readiness program from GPR to FED
- Provides resources to the Board on Aging and Long Term Care to support ombudsman services for state veterans home residents