

# Supporting Military Families

The Iowa House took another step to support veterans, military members, and their families this week.

House File 2110 provides unemployment insurance benefits for the spouses of military personnel forced to leave their job due to a military reassignment or a spouse called to active duty.

The benefits will be paid out of interest on the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and will not be paid for by employers.

Currently, at least 35 other states provide unemployment insurance benefits to spouses of military personnel who left employment, due to no fault of their own, and relocated because of a military assignment in another area.

The bill is the first in a package of initiatives to help military families and veterans. Other initiatives under consideration this year to help families facing relocation include protecting spouses from withdrawal penalties if they must leave college mid-term and directing state agencies to help them transfer teaching certificates or professional certifications to their new home state.

HF 2110 will now go to the Senate for consideration.