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Finds that military allowances are disbursements of money provided for specific needs, such as food, housing, and clothing.

Finds that the military basic allowance for housing is intended to substitute for government-provided housing that is no longer provided as a result of privatization.

Finds that the basic allowance for housing is not counted for federal income tax purposes and cannot be considered when determining family income for a child's eligibility for free and reduced priced meals in the public schools.

Finds that maternity support programs can be an effective means of prevention and early intervention, especially those support programs utilizing nurse home visitation services.

Finds that while military families have access to basic health care services, they generally do not receive maternity support services.

Declares an intent to promote continued access to maternity support services by low-income military families.