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STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 15-0927.01 Richard Sweetman x4333

**HOUSE BILL 15-1315**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Under current law, out of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly to the division of veterans affairs (division) for veterans affairs purposes, the division is authorized to issue vouchers for the semiannual payment to the general fund of each county, to be disbursed upon the authority of the county commissioners thereof, an amount equal to the amount the county commissioners may have authorized to be disbursed out of other moneys in the county general fund for such purposes.

The bill states that such moneys are appropriated to the division for

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

the specific purpose of providing support to county veterans service officers. The bill also states that the division shall annually establish the rate of state-funded payments for full-time and part-time county veterans service officers based on the available appropriation by the general assembly; except that, if a county is receiving payments for a veterans service office established for adjacent counties, the payment shall be the total of the semiannual payments for the counties that have jointly formed the veterans service office.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-707, **amend** (1)

3 (a) as follows:

4 **28-5-707. Assistance to county veterans service officers.**

5 (1) (a) The division shall provide satisfactory supervision, direction, and  
6 assistance to all county veterans service officers and shall provide such  
7 services and facilities to the county veterans service officers as may be  
8 determined by the division to be necessary. Out of any moneys  
9 appropriated by the general assembly to the division for ~~veterans' affairs~~  
10 ~~purposes~~ SUPPORT TO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS, the division  
11 is authorized to issue vouchers for the semiannual payment to the general  
12 fund of each county, to be disbursed upon the authority of the county  
13 commissioners thereof, only for the purposes of this part 7 and part 8 of  
14 this article. ~~of an amount equal to the amount such county commissioners~~  
15 ~~may have authorized to be disbursed out of other moneys in such county~~  
16 ~~general fund for such purposes for that period.~~ The general assembly  
17 DIVISION shall annually establish ~~in the general appropriations bill~~ the rate  
18 of state-funded payments for full-time and part-time county veterans  
19 service officers BASED ON THE AVAILABLE APPROPRIATION BY THE  
20 GENERAL ASSEMBLY; except that, if a county is receiving payments under  
21 paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) for a veterans service office

1 established for adjacent counties, the payment shall be the total of the  
2 semiannual payments for the counties that have jointly formed the  
3 veterans service office.

4 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2015.

5 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.