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HOUSE BILL 386

Short Title: State Veterans Allowance Upped.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Rayfield, McCombs, Teague; and Smith.

Referred to: Military, Veterans and Indian Affairs.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE VETERANS ALLOWANCE TO COUNTIES FOR
2 VETERANS SERVICES AUTHORIZED TO BE PAID BY THE DIVISION OF
3 VETERANS AFFAIRS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 165-6 reads as rewritten:

7 **"§ 165-6. Powers and duties of the Department.**

8 In furtherance of the stated purpose of this Article, the Department is hereby
9 authorized and empowered to do the following:

10 (1) To assist veterans, their families, and dependents in the presentation,
11 processing, proof, and establishment of such claims, privileges, rights,
12 and benefits as they may be entitled to under federal, State, or local
13 laws, rules, and regulations.

14 (2) To aid persons in active military service and their dependents with
15 problems arising out of said service which come reasonably within the
16 purview of the Department's program of assistance.

17 (3) To collect data and information as to the facilities and services available
18 to veterans, their families, and dependents and to cooperate with
19 agencies furnishing information or services throughout the State in order
20 to inform such agencies regarding the availability of (i) education,

1 training and retraining facilities, (ii) health, medical, rehabilitation, and
2 housing services and facilities, (iii) employment and reemployment
3 services, (iv) provisions of federal, State, and local laws, rules, and
4 regulations affording rights, privileges, and benefits to veterans, their
5 families, and dependents, and in respect to such other matters of similar,
6 related, or appropriate nature not herein set out.

7 (4) To establish such field offices, facilities and services throughout the
8 State as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article.

9 (5) To cooperate, as the Department deems appropriate, with governmental,
10 private and civic agencies and instrumentalities in securing services or
11 benefits for veterans, their families, dependents and beneficiaries.

12 (6) To accept any property, funds, service, or facilities from any source,
13 public or private, granted in aid or furtherance of the administration of
14 the provisions of this Article.

15 (7) To enter into any contract or agreement with any person, firm, or
16 corporation, or governmental agency or instrumentality in furtherance of
17 the purposes of this Article, and to make all rules and regulations
18 necessary for the proper and effective administration of its duties.

19 (8) It shall be the duty of the Department to train, supervise and assist the
20 employees of any county, city or town who are engaged in veterans
21 service. Authority is hereby granted the governing body of any county,
22 city or town to appropriate such amounts as it may deem necessary to
23 provide a veterans service program and the expenditure of such funds is
24 hereby declared to be for a public purpose; such program shall be
25 operated in affiliation with this Department and under its supervision as
26 set forth above.

27 (9) The Department may, in its discretion, contribute to each county an
28 amount not to exceed ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ four thousand dollars
29 (\$4,000) on a matching basis for any fiscal year for the maintenance and
30 operation of a county veterans service program. Participating counties
31 shall furnish the Department such reports, accountings and other
32 information at such times and in such form as the Department may
33 require.

34 (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 620, s. 9."

35 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.