

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 791

Short Title: County Veterans Service Offices Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nye; Moore, Pate, Pierce, and Wainwright.

Referred to: State Government, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 17, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE MATCHING LIMIT FOR COUNTY
3 VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THIS
4 PURPOSE.

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
18 available to veterans, their families, and dependents and to cooperate
19 with agencies furnishing information or services throughout the State
20 in order to inform such agencies regarding the availability of (i)
21 education, training and retraining facilities, (ii) health, medical,
22 rehabilitation, and housing services and facilities, (iii) employment and
23 reemployment services, (iv) provisions of federal, State, and local
24 laws, rules, and regulations affording rights, privileges, and benefits to
25 veterans, their families, and dependents, and in respect to such other
26 matters of similar, related, or appropriate nature not herein set out.
- 27 (4) To establish such field offices, facilities and services throughout the
28 State as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Article.

- 1 (5) To cooperate, as the Department deems appropriate, with
2 governmental, private and civic agencies and instrumentalities in
3 securing services or benefits for veterans, their families, dependents
4 and beneficiaries.
- 5 (6) To accept any property, funds, service, or facilities from any source,
6 public or private, granted in aid or furtherance of the administration of
7 the provisions of this Article.
- 8 (7) To enter into any contract or agreement with any person, firm, or
9 corporation, or governmental agency or instrumentality in furtherance
10 of the purposes of this Article, and to make all rules and regulations
11 necessary for the proper and effective administration of its duties.
- 12 (8) It shall be the duty of the Department to train, supervise and assist the
13 employees of any county, city or town who are engaged in veterans
14 service. Authority is hereby granted the governing body of any county,
15 city or town to appropriate such amounts as it may deem necessary to
16 provide a veterans service program and the expenditure of such funds
17 is hereby declared to be for a public purpose; such program shall be
18 operated in affiliation with this Department and under its supervision
19 as set forth above.
- 20 (9) The Department may, in its discretion, contribute to each county an
21 amount not to exceed ~~two thousand dollars (\$2,000)~~ five thousand
22 dollars (\$5,000) on a matching basis for any fiscal year for the
23 maintenance and operation of a county veterans service program.
24 Participating counties shall furnish the Department such reports,
25 accountings and other information at such times and in such form as
26 the Department may require.
- 27 (10) Repealed by Session Laws 1973, c. 620, s. 9."

28 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
29 Department of Administration the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for
30 the 2005-2006 fiscal year to provide matching funds for the maintenance and operations
31 of county veterans service programs.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.