SENATE/HOUSE FILE BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the county commissions of veteran affairs fund and required hours of service for executive directors and administrators.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 35A.16, subsection 3, as enacted by 2 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1130, section 2, is amended to read as 1 3 follows:
- 3. <u>a.</u> If sufficient moneys are available, the department 5 shall annually allocate ten thousand dollars to each county 6 commission of veteran affairs, or to each county sharing the 7 services of an executive director or administrator pursuant to 8 chapter 28E, to be used for the employment of an executive 9 director or administrator to provide services to veterans 1 10 pursuant to section 35B.6.
- b. If a county fails to be in compliance with the requirements of section 35B.6 on June 30 of each fiscal year, 13 all moneys received by the county pursuant to this subsection 14 during that fiscal year shall be reimbursed to the county 15 commissions of veteran affairs fund.
- c. Moneys distributed to a county under this subsection shall be used to supplement and not supplant any existing 18 funding provided by the county or received by the county from 19 any other source. The department shall adopt a maintenance of 20 effort requirement for moneys distributed under this 21 subsection.
  - 1 22 Sec. 2. Section 35B.6, subsection 4, paragraph c, as 1 23 enacted by 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1130, section 6, is amended 1 24 to read as follows:
- 1 25 c. Counties sharing the services of an executive director 1 26 or administrator shall consider the aggregate population of 27 such counties when determining provide the number of hours of 1 28 service required under paragraph "b" for each county. The 1 29 number of hours shall be allocated between the counties in the 1 30 proportion that the population of each county bears to the 1 31 aggregate population. 1 32

## EXPLANATION

1 33 This bill amends sections of 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter 1130, 1 34 relating to administration of the county commissions of 1 35 veteran affairs fund and the hours of service requirement for 1 county commission of veteran affairs executive directors and 2 administrators, which become effective on July 1, 2009.

The bill provides that moneys received by a county from the 4 county commissions of veteran affairs fund may be used to 5 provide veterans' services rather than only for the employment 6 of an executive director or an administrator. The bill also 7 provides that if a county fails to be in compliance with the 8 requirements of Code section 35B.6 on June 30 of any fiscal 9 year, all moneys received by the county from the county 2 10 commissions of veteran affairs fund during that fiscal year 11 must be reimbursed to the fund. The bill requires that moneys 12 distributed from the county commissions of veteran affairs 2 13 fund only be used to supplement and not supplant any existing 2 14 funding provided by the county or received by the county from 15 any other source.

The bill also amends the hours of service requirement for 2 16 2 17 executive directors and administrators that are being shared 2 18 between multiple counties. Instead of allocating the hours of

- 2 19 service among the counties based on population, the bill 2 20 requires each county to meet the hours of service requirement. 2 21 LSB 1263DP 83 2 22 md/rj/14