

CHAPTER 219

MILITARY AND VETERANS

HOUSE BILL 15-1315

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AN ACT

CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-707, **amend** (1) (a) as follows:

28-5-707. Assistance to county veterans service officers. (1) (a) The division shall provide satisfactory supervision, direction, and assistance to all county veterans service officers and shall provide such services and facilities to the county veterans service officers as may be determined by the division to be necessary. Out of any moneys appropriated by the general assembly to the division for ~~veterans' affairs purposes~~ SUPPORT TO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS, 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, only for the purposes of this part 7 and part 8 of this article. ~~of an amount equal to the amount such county commissioners may have authorized to be disbursed out of other moneys in such county general fund for such purposes for that period.~~ The ~~general assembly~~ DIVISION shall annually establish ~~in the general appropriations bill~~ 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 under paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) 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.

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

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

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

Approved: May 22, 2015