

**HB 2201 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Department of Veterans' Affairs  
2019-21**

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**Budget Summary\***

|              | 2017-19 Legislatively<br>Approved Budget <sup>(1)</sup> | 2019-21 Current Service<br>Level | 2019-21 Committee<br>Recommendation | Committee Change from 2017-19 Leg.<br>Approved |          |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------|
|              |   |                                  |                                     | \$ Change                                      | % Change |
| Lottery Fund | \$ -  | \$ -                             | \$ 447,719                          | \$ 447,719                                     | 100.0%   |
| Total        | \$ -  | \$ -                             | \$ 447,719                          | \$ 447,719                                     | 100.0%   |

**Position Summary**

|                                      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Authorized Positions                 | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 0.88 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes adjustments through December 2018

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

House Bill 2201 allocates \$447,719 Lottery Funds from the Veterans’ Services Fund (Measure 96) to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) for the purpose of establishing and administering the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program.

**Summary of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee Action**

House Bill 2201 establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within ODVA for the purpose of providing financial assistance to veterans who are unable to complete a degree program within the expected completion period due to the timing of course offerings. ODVA may award grants of up to \$5,000 to veterans who are eligible to receive federal financial assistance based on prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Recipients must be pursuing and enrolled in an approved course of study qualifying for U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs educational benefits.

ODVA will develop rules, implement, and evaluate the efficacy of the program and report to the interim committees of the Legislature related to veterans on the status of the program no later than September 15, 2020.

The Subcommittee approved \$447,719 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation and establishment of one limited duration Program Analyst 1 position (0.88 FTE) to perform outreach and administer program grants. Lottery Funds limitation includes \$300,000 for grants and \$147,719 for costs to operate the program. Funding is approved on a one-time basis, as the program is scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2022.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

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| DESCRIPTION                                 | GENERAL FUND | LOTTERY FUNDS     | OTHER FUNDS |             | FEDERAL FUNDS |             | TOTAL ALL FUNDS   | POS      | FTE         |
|---|--------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|----------|-------------|
|   |              |                   | LIMITED     | NONLIMITED  | LIMITED       | NONLIMITED  |                   |          |             |
| <u>SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS (from CSL)</u>  |              |                   |             |             |               |             |                   |          |             |
| <b>SCR 002 - Veterans' Services Program</b> |              |                   |             |             |               |             |                   |          |             |
| Personal Services                           | \$ -         | \$ 133,919        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ 133,919        | 1        | 0.88        |
| Services and Supplies                       | \$ -         | \$ 13,800         | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ 13,800         |          |             |
| Special Payments (Dist. To Individuals)     | \$ -         | \$ 300,000        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -          | \$ -        | \$ 300,000        |          |             |
| <b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>                    | <b>\$ -</b>  | <b>\$ 447,719</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 447,719</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0.88</b> |
| <b>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION *</b>        | <b>\$ -</b>  | <b>\$ 447,719</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ -</b>   | <b>\$ -</b> | <b>\$ 447,719</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0.88</b> |

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