

HB 2201

Relating to veterans

HB 2201 establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded to veterans who are pursuing and enrolled in an approved course of study, eligible to receive federal financial assistance based on prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and unable to complete a degree program within the expected completion period due to course availability. The Department is directed to report back to the Legislature on the status of the program no later than September 15, 2020.

The recommended amendment provides \$300,000 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation for program grants and an additional \$147,719 for the establishment of a Program Analyst 1 position to conduct outreach and administer the program.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2201 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.