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Under current law, a county may apply annually to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for a grant for the improvement of services provided to former military personnel of the county through the county veterans service office. Grants are awarded based on county population totals.

The bill changes the way grant funding is awarded by awarding grants using a formula that first ranks counties based on equalized assessed property values, veteran population density, and veteran population percentage, and then combines the results of those calculations to determine a grant award amount

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The amendment increases DVA's county grant appropriation account by \$1,239,000 in both fiscal year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Edming on January 15, 2020. On February 13, 2020, the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 2, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 6.

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