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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1245

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Office of the  
Governor

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise and repeal certain provisions regarding the salary  
2 and travel reimbursements for county veterans' service officers.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 33-16-18 be amended to read as follows:

5 33-16-18. The Division of Veterans Affairs shall cooperate with all national, state, county,  
6 municipal, and private social agencies in securing to veterans and their dependents the benefits  
7 provided by national, state, and county laws, municipal ordinances, or public or private social  
8 agencies. To that end, the division may hold schools of instruction for county service officers,  
9 or call in for instruction individual county service officers if, in the judgment of the Department  
10 of Military and Veterans Affairs, the giving of such instructions or holding of such schools is  
11 in the best interest of the work of the division. ~~The division may pay the actual necessary~~  
12 ~~expenses of any such county service officer when attending such schools of instruction away~~  
13 ~~from the officer's home county, out of the funds appropriated for the administration of the~~  
14 ~~Division of Veterans Affairs. The expenses may be paid out only on duly itemized vouchers~~  
15 ~~presented to the state auditor and approved by the director of the division.~~



1 Section 2. That § 33-16-28.2 be repealed.

2 ~~—33-16-28.2. Such Indian tribes and veterans' service officers shall receive the same salary~~  
3 ~~reimbursement and services from the Division of Veterans Affairs as those available to county~~  
4 ~~commissioners and county veteran service officers under the provisions of this chapter.~~

5 ~~—Such Indian tribes shall be entirely responsible for all financial obligations accrued by~~  
6 ~~veterans' service officers, appointed pursuant to the terms of § 33-16-28.1, except as provided~~  
7 ~~in this section.~~

8 Section 3. That § 33-16-28.3 be repealed.

9 ~~—33-16-28.3. The Division of Veterans Affairs may establish, implement, and maintain a~~  
10 ~~program for providing financial assistance to counties in paying the salaries of county veterans'~~  
11 ~~service officers. Any program established and maintained by the Division of Veterans Affairs~~  
12 ~~shall provide for assistance to applying counties on the basis of one dollar of state funds for each~~  
13 ~~four dollars of county funds provided for payment of the salary of the county veterans' service~~  
14 ~~officer of the applying county. No county may be reimbursed in excess of twenty-five percent~~  
15 ~~of the basic salary schedule outlined in § 33-16-28.4 for any fiscal year.~~

16 Section 4. That § 33-16-28.4 be repealed.

17 ~~—33-16-28.4. The basic salary schedule for county veterans' service officers, which may be~~  
18 ~~adopted by any board of county commissioners, is:~~

19 ~~—(1)—For counties with population of 50,000 and over, \$18,750 per annum;~~

20 ~~—(2)—For counties with population of 20,000 to 50,000, \$17,500 per annum;~~

21 ~~—(3)—For counties with population of 10,000 to 20,000, \$15,000 per annum;~~

22 ~~—(4)—For counties with population of 5,000 to 10,000, \$11,250 per annum;~~

23 ~~—(5)—For counties with population up to 5,000, \$7,500 annually.~~

24 Section 5. That § 33-16-28.5 be repealed.

1 ~~33-16-28.5. A county may only be reimbursed pursuant to § 33-16-28.3 if the county~~  
2 ~~veterans' service officer employed has undergone training pursuant to §§ 33-16-18 and 33-16-~~  
3 ~~27.1.~~