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**Joint Committee on  
Ways and Means**

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**To:** Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee  
**From:** Amanda Beitel, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 28, 2019  
**Subject:** HB 2201-A – Relating to veterans

House Bill 2201-A establishes the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). Grants of up to \$5,000 may be awarded to veterans who are pursuing and enrolled in an approved course of study that qualifies for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits; are eligible to receive federal financial assistance based on prior service in the U.S. Armed Forces; and are unable to complete a degree program within the expected completion period due to the timing of course offerings. ODVA is directed to report to the interim committees of the Legislature related to veterans on the status of the program no later than September 15, 2020.

The measure was previously heard in the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on 4/4/2019.

ODVA has determined that a Program Analyst 1 (0.88 FTE) will be required to conduct outreach and administer program grants.

The -A3 amendment replaces the Veterans' Services Fund lottery allocation with \$447,719 Lottery Funds expenditure limitation, including \$300,000 for grants and \$147,719 for costs to operate the program. The amendment also adds an emergency clause.

**Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to HB 2201-A. (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that HB 2201-A, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move HB 2201-A, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_