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Bill Number: H. 3416 Introduced on January 12, 2021
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Subject: County Veterans' Affairs Officers
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Gallagher
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill designates county veterans' affairs officers as county employees and allows them to be removed by the county legislative delegation. Currently, county veterans' affairs officers are employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (department) and subject to removal by the secretary of the department. However, to date all county veterans' affairs officers' salaries and expenses are paid by their respective counties. Therefore, this bill will not impact the department's General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

The Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) reached out to all 46 counties to determine if this bill would result in a local expenditure impact. Eight counties responded and stated that as their respective counties currently absorb expenses related to their veterans' affairs officer, this bill would not have an expenditure impact. As county veterans' affairs officer's salaries and expenses are currently paid by their respective counties, RFA anticipates this bill will not result in a local expenditure impact to the remaining 38 counties.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill designates county veterans' affairs officers as county employees and allows them to be removed by the county legislative delegation. Currently, county veterans' affairs officers are employees of the department and subject to removal by the secretary of the department.

Section 25-11-40 currently states that a county veterans' affairs officer is an at-will employee of the department. However, to date all county veterans' affairs officers' salaries and expenses are paid by their respective counties. Therefore, this bill will not impact the department's General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

RFA reached out to all 46 counties to determine if this bill would result in a local expenditure impact. Eight Counties responded: Berkeley, Charleston, Chesterfield, Cherokee, Clarendon, Horry, Lancaster, and Spartanburg. All eight counties responded that as the county currently absorbs personal services and operating cost expenditures for their veterans' affairs officer, this

bill would not have an expenditure impact. As county veterans' affairs officer's salaries and expenses are currently paid by their respective counties, RFA anticipates this bill will not result in a local expenditure impact to the remaining 38 counties.

Local Revenue

N/A



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