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**H.B. 581**  
**134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## **Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement**

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**Version:** As Reported by House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs

**Primary Sponsor:** Reps. J. Miller and Holmes

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### **Highlights**

- Counties could incur a slight uptick in costs paid from county general funds to pay interest that accrues on credit card purchases made by county veterans service offices.

### **Detailed Analysis**

The bill authorizes a county credit card to be used to pay expenses related to temporary and necessary assistance care provided by a county veterans service office. Because county veterans service offices already provide temporary emergency financial assistance to veterans in need, the bill is unlikely to result in significant new expenditures for counties. However, there could be a slight uptick in costs if any interest accrues on credit card purchases made under the bill. County veterans service offices are supported by county property taxes deposited to the credit of county general funds.

Under continuing law, the debt incurred as a result of the use of a county credit card must be paid from moneys appropriated to specific appropriation line items of the county for the work-related expenses. In the case of credit card purchases for the temporary and necessary assistance care provided by a county veterans service office, funds appropriated by the board of county commissioners for the county veterans service office should be used to pay the portion of the credit card bill attributable to the office.