



1 **service officers -- reports.** (1) There is appropriated \$300,000 from the state general fund to the department  
2 of military affairs for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, for the purposes of subsection (2).

3 (2) (a) The money appropriated under this section must be used to fund administrative support staff for  
4 Montana veteran service officers employed under the Montana veterans' affairs division.

5 (b) The division shall allocate the funding to those offices where administrative support is most needed  
6 to increase outreach and serve more veterans in the service area. The division shall explore and implement  
7 creative ways to leverage administrative support so that is most cost effective and productive.

8 (c) The division shall track data on VSO outreach and productivity in those offices receiving the  
9 administrative support and report its findings to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee  
10 during the 2021-2022 interim and to the house appropriations and senate finance and claims committees during  
11 the 2023 session.

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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