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H.B. No. 4789

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creation and maintenance of an electronic database to provide information to certain members of the United States armed forces regarding the resources and benefits provided to veterans.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.0261 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.0261. ELECTRONIC DATABASE OF CONTACT INFORMATION FOR SERVICE MEMBERS LEAVING ACTIVE DUTY. (a) The commission shall establish and maintain an electronic database that includes the name and contact information of each member of the United States armed forces who:

(1) has provided written consent to the commission to have the member's information included in the database; and

(2) will be discharged or released from active duty within 12 months of the date the member provides the consent described by Subdivision (1).

(b) The database established under Subsection (a) must allow state agencies and local veteran service organizations, including veterans county service offices, that have applied to and been approved by the commission to access the database for the purpose of providing to members of the United States armed forces included in the database information regarding state and local benefits and resources available to veterans, including

1 information regarding employment and training opportunities,  
2 housing, entrepreneurial and health care services, and veteran  
3 support groups.

4 (c) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
5 and administer this section, including rules establishing the  
6 procedure by which entities apply to and are approved by the  
7 commission to access the database established under Subsection (a).

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.