

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a disparity exists between privileges and benefits afforded military service personnel serving in a national capacity and those serving in an active state capacity, including guarding airports during homeland security operations, providing natural disaster relief, and assisting in special circumstances, such as locating debris from the space shuttle Columbia. State military forces, including the National Guard, serving in a national capacity are granted protections, including exclusion from hiring discrimination, reemployment privileges, and continuation of health coverage upon reemployment. As proposed, S.B. 1880 grants a member of the state military forces who is ordered to active state duty the same benefits and protections provided certain persons in the uniformed services and military service.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 431A, Government Code, by adding 431.017, as follows:

Sec. 431.017. CERTAIN BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS FOR STATE SERVICE.
Provides that a member of the state military forces who is ordered to active state duty by the governor, or by other proper authority under the law of this state, is entitled to the same benefits and protections provided certain persons in the uniformed services and military service.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.