

Amend CSSB 1714 by striking Section 1 of the bill (Senate committee printing page 1, lines 13-39), substituting the following appropriately numbered sections of the bill, and renumbering subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 434.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.007. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall:

(1) compile federal, state, and local laws enacted to benefit members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families and dependents;

(2) collect information relating to services and facilities available to veterans;

(3) cooperate with veterans service agencies in the state;

(4) inform members and veterans of the armed forces, their families and dependents, and military and civilian authorities about the existence or availability of:

(A) educational training and retraining facilities;

(B) health, medical, rehabilitation, and housing services and facilities;

(C) employment and reemployment services;

(D) provisions of federal, state, and local law affording rights, privileges, and benefits to members and veterans of the armed forces and their families and dependents; and

(E) other similar, related, or appropriate matters;

(5) assist veterans and their families and dependents in presenting, proving, and establishing claims, privileges, rights, and benefits they may have under federal, state, or local law;

(6) cooperate with all government and private agencies securing services or benefits to veterans and their families and dependents;

(7) investigate, and if possible correct, abuses or exploitation of veterans or their families or dependents, and recommend necessary legislation for full correction;

(8) coordinate the services and activities of state departments and divisions having services and resources affecting veterans or their families or dependents; ~~and~~

(9) provide training and certification of veterans county service officers and assistant veterans county service officers in accordance with Section 434.038; and

(10) operate programs in this state to enhance the employment opportunities of veterans of the armed forces of the United States, including the employment program funded under Chapters 41 and 42, Title 38, United States Code.

(b) The programs described by Subsection (a)(10) must exclusively enhance the employment opportunities of eligible veterans, and the services provided under those programs must be provided by state employees. A state employee providing services under Subsection (a)(10) may only provide services to veterans.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 302.021(b), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to the programs consolidated under the authority of the commission under Subsection (a), the commission shall administer:

(1) ~~[programs in this state to enhance the employment opportunities of veterans of the armed services of the United States, including the employment program funded under Chapters 41 and 42, Title 38, United States Code,~~

~~[-2-]~~ child-care services provided under Chapter 44, Human Resources Code; and

(2) ~~[-3-]~~ programs established in this state through federal funding to conduct full service career development centers and school-to-work transition services.