

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 1480
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2005; March 21, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 4, 2005, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-6 Nays 0; April 4, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1480 By: Shapleigh

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Veterans Commission.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 403, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 403.108 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 403.108. PERMANENT FUND FOR VETERANS' ASSISTANCE.

1-15 (a) The permanent fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund
1-16 in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is
1-17 composed of:

1-18 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of
1-19 the legislature;

1-20 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund; and

1-21 (3) the available earnings of the fund determined in
1-22 accordance with Section 403.1068.

1-23 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (c) and (e), money in
1-24 the fund may not be appropriated for any purpose.

1-25 (c) The available earnings of the fund may be appropriated
1-26 to the Texas Veterans Commission to:

1-27 (1) enhance or improve veterans' assistance programs,
1-28 including veterans' representation and counseling; and

1-29 (2) make grants to local communities to address
1-30 veterans' needs.

1-31 (d) The Texas Veterans Commission may adopt rules governing
1-32 the award of grants by the commission under this section.

1-33 (e) The comptroller may solicit and accept gifts and grants
1-34 to the fund. A gift or grant to the fund may be appropriated in the
1-35 same manner as the available earnings of the fund, subject to any
1-36 limitation or requirement placed on the gift or grant by the donor
1-37 or granting entity.

1-38 (f) Sections 403.095 and 404.071 do not apply to the fund.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 403.1068, Government
1-40 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-41 (a) This section applies only to management of the permanent
1-42 funds established under Sections 403.105, 403.1055, 403.106,
1-43 403.1065, ~~and~~ 403.1066, and 403.108.

1-44 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
1-45 amended by adding Section 434.016 to read as follows:

1-46 Sec. 434.016. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The commission may accept
1-47 gifts of money and property and may accept grants.

1-48 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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