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TO: Honorable Leticia Van de Putte, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1480 by Shapleigh (Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Veterans Commission.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code to create a Veterans Assistance fund outside the General Revenue fund with available earnings of the fund for use by the Texas Veterans Commission for veterans assistance programs and grants to local communities to address veterans' needs. It would allow the appropriations to be transferred to the fund as well as gifts, grants, and available earnings to be contributed to the fund. It would allow the Comptroller of Public Accounts to solicit and accept gifts and grants to the fund.

The bill also would authorize the Texas Veterans Commission to accept gifts and grants.

It is anticipated that existing resources would be able to absorb any costs associated with carrying out the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 403 Veterans Commission

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