

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 282
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, the adjutant general's department is not required to consider the housing needs of state military forces before eliminating or selling older, underutilized, or excess facility space. Interested parties argue that such a requirement could help resolve the difficulties experienced by state guard soldiers who cannot find housing and mitigate the economic impact on local communities of closing armories. H.B. 282 seeks to address this situation by providing for an analysis by the adjutant general of the facility needs of state military forces before grants or conveyances of real property occur.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 282 amends the Government Code to require the adjutant general, before granting or conveying an interest in real property, to conduct an analysis evaluating whether each unit of the state military forces has adequate facility space to ensure that ongoing operations are maintained. The bill makes conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.