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H.B. No. 1784

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring an interagency memorandum of understanding
3 regarding the Public Assistance Reporting Information System and to
4 the use of data from that system.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.0998 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.0998. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING
9 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM; MAXIMIZATION OF
10 BENEFITS. (a) In this section, "system" means the Public
11 Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) operated by the
12 Administration for Children and Families of the United States
13 Department of Health and Human Services.

14 (b) The commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the
15 Veterans' Land Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability
16 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding for the
17 purposes of:

18 (1) coordinating and collecting information about the
19 use and analysis among state agencies of data received from the
20 system; and

21 (2) developing new strategies for state agencies to
22 use system data in ways that:

23 (A) generate fiscal savings for the state; and

24 (B) maximize the availability of and access to

1 benefits for veterans.

2 (c) The commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the
3 Department of Aging and Disability Services shall coordinate to
4 assist veterans in maximizing the benefits available to each
5 veteran by using the system.

6 (d) The commission and the Texas Veterans Commission
7 together may determine the geographic scope of the efforts
8 described by Subsection (c).

9 (e) Not later than October 1, 2012, the commission, the
10 Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land Board, and the
11 Department of Aging and Disability Services collectively shall
12 submit to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board a report
13 describing:

14 (1) the frequency and success with which state
15 agencies have used the system;

16 (2) the costs to the state that were avoided as a
17 result of state agencies' use of the system; and

18 (3) recommendations for future use of the system by
19 state agencies.

20 (f) Subsection (e) and this subsection expire September 1,
21 2013.

22 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Health and
23 Human Services Commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the
24 Veterans' Land Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability
25 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding as required
26 by Section 531.0998, Government Code, as added by this Act.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.