

1-1 By: Farias (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 1784  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2011;  
1-3 May 13, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 19, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 19, 2011,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to requiring an interagency memorandum of understanding  
1-10 regarding the Public Assistance Reporting Information System and to  
1-11 the use of data from that system.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 531.0998 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 531.0998. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING  
1-16 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM; MAXIMIZATION OF  
1-17 BENEFITS. (a) In this section, "system" means the Public  
1-18 Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) operated by the  
1-19 Administration for Children and Families of the United States  
1-20 Department of Health and Human Services.

1-21 (b) The commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the  
1-22 Veterans' Land Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability  
1-23 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding for the  
1-24 purposes of:

1-25 (1) coordinating and collecting information about the  
1-26 use and analysis among state agencies of data received from the  
1-27 system; and

1-28 (2) developing new strategies for state agencies to  
1-29 use system data in ways that:

1-30 (A) generate fiscal savings for the state; and

1-31 (B) maximize the availability of and access to  
1-32 benefits for veterans.

1-33 (c) The commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, and the  
1-34 Department of Aging and Disability Services shall coordinate to  
1-35 assist veterans in maximizing the benefits available to each  
1-36 veteran by using the system.

1-37 (d) The commission and the Texas Veterans Commission  
1-38 together may determine the geographic scope of the efforts  
1-39 described by Subsection (c).

1-40 (e) Not later than October 1, 2012, the commission, the  
1-41 Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land Board, and the  
1-42 Department of Aging and Disability Services collectively shall  
1-43 submit to the governor and the Legislative Budget Board a report  
1-44 describing:

1-45 (1) the frequency and success with which state  
1-46 agencies have used the system;

1-47 (2) the costs to the state that were avoided as a  
1-48 result of state agencies' use of the system; and

1-49 (3) recommendations for future use of the system by  
1-50 state agencies.

1-51 (f) Subsection (e) and this subsection expire September 1,  
1-52 2013.

1-53 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2011, the Health and  
1-54 Human Services Commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the  
1-55 Veterans' Land Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability  
1-56 Services shall enter into a memorandum of understanding as required  
1-57 by Section 531.0998, Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-59 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-60 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-61 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-62 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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