

1-1 By: Davis, Van de Putte S.B. No. 1739  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2011; March 23, 2011, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
1-4 Military Installations; April 11, 2011, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-6 Nays 0; April 11, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1739 By: Davis

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

1-10 relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(c), Government Code, is amended  
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 (c) Money in the fund may only be appropriated to the Texas  
1-15 Veterans Commission. Money appropriated under this subsection  
1-16 shall be used to:

1-17 (1) ~~[enhance or improve veterans' assistance programs,~~  
1-18 ~~including veterans' representation and counseling,~~

1-19 ~~[(2)]~~ make grants to address veterans' needs; and

1-20 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ administer the fund.

1-21 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (e), Section 434.017,  
1-22 Government Code, as amended by Chapters 840 (S.B. 1940) and 1385  
1-23 (S.B. 1655), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009,  
1-24 are reenacted and amended to read as follows:

1-25 (a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in  
1-26 the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is  
1-27 composed of:

1-28 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of  
1-29 the legislature;

1-30 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

1-31 (3) the earnings of the fund; ~~[and]~~

1-32 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the  
1-33 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the  
1-34 fund under Section 466.408(b); and

1-35 (5) ~~[(2)]~~ money deposited to the credit of the fund  
1-36 under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code.

1-37 (e) To carry out any purpose of this chapter, the commission  
1-38 ~~[Texas Veterans Commission]~~ may solicit, ~~[and]~~ accept, or refuse a  
1-39 gift, grant, devise, bequest of money, security, service, or  
1-40 property, including money raised or a service provided by a  
1-41 volunteer or volunteer group, to promote the work of the commission  
1-42 for any purpose related to the fund for veterans' assistance. The  
1-43 commission may participate in the establishment and operation of an  
1-44 affiliated nonprofit organization that is established for the  
1-45 purpose of raising money for or providing services or other  
1-46 benefits to the commission. A gift, grant, devise, or bequest to  
1-47 the fund may be appropriated in the same manner as other money in  
1-48 the fund, subject to the purposes provided by Subsection (c) and any  
1-49 limitation or requirement placed on the gift, grant, devise, or  
1-50 bequest by the donor or granting entity.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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