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H.B. No. 781

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 781:

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C.S.H.B. No. 781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for  
3 veterans' assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the  
8 commission shall:

9 (1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the  
10 specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available  
11 to address those needs;

12 (2) determine the grant categories that correspond to  
13 the high-priority needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

14 (3) identify any gaps between the needs identified  
15 under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those  
16 needs.

17 (c-2) The commission shall incorporate the results of the  
18 needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1) in  
19 its process for awarding grants, including the prioritization of  
20 grant awards, from the fund for veterans' assistance.

21 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Texas Veterans  
22 Commission shall conduct a needs assessment and make other  
23 determinations required by Section 434.017(c-1), Government Code,  
24 as added by this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.