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H.B. No. 781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 as added by this Act.

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