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H.B. No. 1939

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a veteran's employment preference for employment with a public entity or public work of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 657, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 657.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 657.0051. INTERVIEW REQUIRED. The individual whose duty is to appoint or employ an applicant for an announced open position with a public entity or public work of this state shall offer an interview to each individual entitled to a veteran's employment preference who applies and is qualified for the position.

SECTION 2. Section 657.008(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A public entity shall file quarterly with the comptroller a report that states:

(1) the percentage of the total number of employees hired by the entity during the reporting period who are persons entitled to a preference under this chapter;

(2) the percentage of the total number of persons applying for employment with the entity during the reporting period who are persons entitled to a preference under this chapter;

(3) the percentage of the total number of the entity's employees who are persons entitled to a preference under this

1 chapter; and

2 (4) [~~(3)~~] the number of complaints filed with the
3 governing body of the entity under Section 657.010 during that
4 quarter and the number of those complaints resolved by the
5 governing body.

6 SECTION 3. Section 657.0051, Government Code, as added by
7 this Act, applies only to an open position with a public entity or
8 public work of this state for which the public entity or public work
9 begins accepting applications on or after the effective date of
10 this Act. An open position with a public entity or public work for
11 which the public entity or public work begins accepting
12 applications before the effective date of this Act is governed by
13 the law in effect on the date the public entity or public work began
14 accepting applications, and the former law is continued in effect
15 for that purpose.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.