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H.B. No. 2562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to an annual report on the Public Assistance Reporting
3 Information System.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 531.0998(e), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (e) Not later than October 1 of each year [~~7, 2012~~], the
8 commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land
9 Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability Services
10 collectively shall submit to the legislature, the governor, and the
11 Legislative Budget Board a report describing:

12 (1) interagency progress in identifying [~~the~~
13 ~~frequency~~] and obtaining Department of Veterans Affairs benefits
14 for veterans receiving Medicaid and other public benefit programs
15 [~~success with which state agencies have used the system~~];

16 (2) the number of veterans benefits claims awarded,
17 the total dollar amount of veterans benefits claims awarded, and
18 the costs to the state that were avoided as a result of state
19 agencies' use of the system; [~~and~~]

20 (3) efforts to expand the use of the system and improve
21 the effectiveness of shifting veterans from Medicaid and other
22 public benefits to Department of Veterans Affairs benefits,
23 including any barriers and how state agencies have addressed those
24 barriers; and

1 (4) the extent to which the Texas Veterans Commission
2 has targeted specific populations of veterans, including
3 populations in rural counties and in specific age and
4 service-connected disability categories, in order to maximize
5 benefits for veterans and savings to the state [~~recommendations for~~
6 ~~future use of the system by state agencies~~].

7 SECTION 2. Section 531.0998(f), Government Code, is
8 repealed.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.