

AN ACT

relating to an annual report on the Public Assistance Reporting Information System.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) efforts to expand the use of the system and improve the effectiveness of shifting veterans from Medicaid and other public benefits to Department of Veterans Affairs benefits, including any barriers and how state agencies have addressed those 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8 repealed.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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2562 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2562 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor