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H.B. No. 2562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an annual report on expanding the use of the Public
3 Assistance Reporting Information System prepared by the Texas
4 Veterans Commission.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 434.022 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 434.022. REPORT ON VETERANS. (a) Not later than
9 January 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report on
10 expanding the use of the Public Assistance Reporting Information
11 System (PARIS) operated by the Administration for Children and
12 Families of the United States Department of Health and Human
13 Services to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
14 the house of representatives, each member of the legislature, the
15 Health and Human Services Commission, the Veterans' Land Board, and
16 the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

17 (b) A report under this section must include information
18 identifying:

19 (1) veterans in this state with a service-connected
20 disability with a disability rating of 70 percent or more;

21 (2) counties with the most veterans and rural counties
22 with a large population of veterans 45 years of age or older who,
23 based on disability ratings, may be eligible to receive Aid and
24 Attendance or Housebound benefits from the United States Department

1 of Veterans Affairs; and

2 (3) counties with veterans who are at least 45 years of
3 age but younger than 66 years of age who receive enhanced monthly
4 benefits related to a service-connected disability.

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