

1-1 By: Farias (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 2562
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 17, 2013, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 17, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-13	X			

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to an annual report on the Public Assistance Reporting
 1-17 Information System.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 531.0998(e), Government Code, is amended
 1-20 to read as follows:

1-21 (e) Not later than October 1 of each year [~~7, 2012~~], the
 1-22 commission, the Texas Veterans Commission, the Veterans' Land
 1-23 Board, and the Department of Aging and Disability Services
 1-24 collectively shall submit to the legislature, the governor, and the
 1-25 Legislative Budget Board a report describing:

1-26 (1) interagency progress in identifying [the
 1-27 frequency] and obtaining Department of Veterans Affairs benefits
 1-28 for veterans receiving Medicaid and other public benefit programs
 1-29 [success with which state agencies have used the system];

1-30 (2) the number of veterans benefits claims awarded,
 1-31 the total dollar amount of veterans benefits claims awarded, and
 1-32 the costs to the state that were avoided as a result of state
 1-33 agencies' use of the system; [and]

1-34 (3) efforts to expand the use of the system and improve
 1-35 the effectiveness of shifting veterans from Medicaid and other
 1-36 public benefits to Department of Veterans Affairs benefits,
 1-37 including any barriers and how state agencies have addressed those
 1-38 barriers; and

1-39 (4) the extent to which the Texas Veterans Commission
 1-40 has targeted specific populations of veterans, including
 1-41 populations in rural counties and in specific age and
 1-42 service-connected disability categories, in order to maximize
 1-43 benefits for veterans and savings to the state [recommendations for
 1-44 future use of the system by state agencies].

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 531.0998(f), Government Code, is
 1-46 repealed.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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