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S.B. No. 664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for
3 veterans' assistance.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

7 (c-1) Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the
8 commission shall:

9 (1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the
10 specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services
11 available to address those needs;

12 (2) determine the grant categories that correspond to
13 the high-priority needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

14 (3) identify any gaps between the needs identified
15 under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those
16 needs.

17 (c-2) The commission shall incorporate the results of the
18 needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1) in
19 its process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans'
20 assistance.

21 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Texas Veterans
22 Commission shall conduct a needs assessment and make other
23 determinations required by Section 434.017(c-1), Government Code,
24 as added by this Act.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.