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 1-3 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2013; February 25, 2013,
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 1-5 Military Installations; March 28, 2013, reported favorably by the
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 28, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for
 1-17 veterans' assistance.

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

1-19 SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by
 1-20 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

1-21 (c-1) Not later than May 1 of each even-numbered year, the
 1-22 commission shall:

1-23 (1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the
 1-24 specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available
 1-25 to address those needs;

1-26 (2) determine the grant categories that correspond to
 1-27 the high-priority needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

1-28 (3) identify any gaps between the needs identified
 1-29 under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those
 1-30 needs.

1-31 (c-2) The commission shall incorporate the results of the
 1-32 needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1) in
 1-33 its process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans'
 1-34 assistance.

1-35 SECTION 2. Not later than May 1, 2014, the Texas Veterans
 1-36 Commission shall conduct a needs assessment and make other
 1-37 determinations required by Subsection (c-1), Section 434.017,
 1-38 Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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