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S.B. No. 1892

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services and coordinating workgroups established by the council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.153, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.153. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. The council is composed of the director or executive head of the following entities [~~agencies~~], or that person's designated representative:

- (1) the Texas Veterans Commission;
- (2) the Veterans' Land Board;
- (3) the adjutant general's department;
- (4) the Health and Human Services Commission; [~~and~~]
- (5) the State Bar of Texas;
- (6) the office of acquired brain injury of the Health and Human Services Commission;
- (7) the Department of State Health Services;
- (8) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;
- (9) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services;
- (10) the Department of Family and Protective Services;
- (11) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- (12) the Texas Workforce Investment Council;

- 1 (13) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- 2 (14) the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;
- 3 (15) the Department of Public Safety;
- 4 (16) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
- 5 (17) the Commission on Jail Standards;
- 6 (18) the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer
7 Standards and Education;
- 8 (19) the Texas Department of Housing and Community
9 Affairs;
- 10 (20) the Texas Department of Transportation;
- 11 (21) the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles; and
- 12 (22) the Office of Public Utility Counsel.

13 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 434.154, Government Code,
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 Sec. 434.154. COORDINATING WORKGROUPS [~~, ADDITIONAL COUNCIL~~
16 ~~MEMBERS~~].

17 SECTION 3. Subsections (a) and (g), Section 434.154,
18 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

19 (a) The council may, by majority vote, establish the
20 following coordinating workgroups to focus on specific issues
21 affecting veterans, servicemembers, and their families:

- 22 (1) health or mental health;
- 23 (2) employment;
- 24 (3) higher education;
- 25 (4) criminal justice;
- 26 (5) housing; [~~and~~]
- 27 (6) transportation;

1 (7) women veterans; and
2 (8) any other coordinating workgroup considered
3 necessary.

4 (g) Each member of the council may invite organizations [~~one~~
5 ~~organization~~] or agencies [~~agency~~] that provide [~~provides~~]
6 services to veterans, servicemembers, and their families, but that
7 are [~~is~~] not otherwise members [~~a member~~] of the council, to each
8 designate a representative to participate in a coordinating
9 workgroup through procedures established by the council.

10 SECTION 4. Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), Section
11 434.154, Government Code, are repealed.

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