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S.B. No. 1892

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the composition of the Texas Coordinating Council for
3 Veterans Services and its coordinating workgroups.

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

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

7 Sec. 434.153. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. The council is
8 composed of the executive head of the following agencies, or that
9 person's designated representative:

- 10 (1) the Texas Veterans Commission;
- 11 (2) the Veterans' Land Board;
- 12 (3) the adjutant general's department;
- 13 (4) the Health and Human Services Commission; ~~and~~
- 14 (5) the State Bar of Texas;
- 15 (6) the Office of Acquired Brain Injury;
- 16 (7) the Department of State Health Services;
- 17 (8) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;
- 18 (9) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative
19 Services;
- 20 (10) the Department of Family and Protective Services;
- 21 (11) the Texas Workforce Commission;
- 22 (12) the Texas Workforce Investment Council;
- 23 (13) the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- 24 (14) the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;

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

11 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (g), Section 434.154,
12 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

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

- 16 (1) health or mental health;
- 17 (2) employment;
- 18 (3) higher education;
- 19 (4) criminal justice;
- 20 (5) housing; ~~and~~
- 21 (6) transportation;
- 22 (7) women veterans; and
- 23 (8) any other coordinating workgroup considered
24 necessary.

25 (g) Each member of the council may invite organizations
26 [~~one organization~~] or agencies [~~agency~~] that provide [~~provides~~]
27 services to veterans, servicemembers, and their families, but that

1 are [~~is~~] not otherwise members [~~a member~~] of the council, to each
2 designate a representative to participate in a coordinating
3 workgroup through procedures established by the council.

4 SECTION 3. Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f), Section
5 434.154, Government Code, are repealed.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.