

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 55

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the Texas Enterprise Fund for veterans hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 481.078, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d-2) to read as follows:

(c) Except as provided by Subsections (d), ~~and~~ (d-1), and (d-2), the fund may be used only for economic development, infrastructure development, community development, job training programs, and business incentives.

(d-2) The fund may be used for the establishment, maintenance, or operation of veterans hospitals in this state. Subsections (e-1), (f), (f-1), (f-2), (g), (h), (h-1), (i), and (j) and Section 481.080 do not apply to a grant awarded for a purpose specified by this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 481.079(a-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1) For grants awarded for a purpose specified by Section 481.078(d-1) or (d-2), the report must include only the amount and purpose of each grant.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.