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H.B. No. 758

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the coordination and provision of certain health  
3 services to veterans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 531.0058 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.0058. ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR VETERANS  
8 SERVICES. The executive commissioner shall appoint for the  
9 commission an associate commissioner for veterans services to:

10 (1) review programs and benefits available for  
11 veterans; and

12 (2) make recommendations on the improvement and  
13 coordination of veterans services.

14 SECTION 2. Section 434.154(a), Government Code, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

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

19 (1) health;

20 (2) [~~ex~~] mental health;

21 (3) [~~2~~] employment;

22 (4) [~~3~~] higher education;

23 (5) [~~4~~] criminal justice;

24 (6) [~~5~~] housing;

1           (7) [~~(6)~~] transportation;  
2           (8) [~~(7)~~] women veterans; and  
3           (9) [~~(8)~~] any other coordinating workgroup considered  
4 necessary.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.