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H.B. No. 1457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to designation of an employee within certain state agencies as a veterans liaison.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 657, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 657. VETERAN'S EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCES; VETERANS LIAISON

SECTION 2. Chapter 657, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 657.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 657.011. VETERANS LIAISON. (a) In this section:

(1) "State agency" means a board, commission, council, committee, department, office, agency, or other governmental entity in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government, including an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(2) "Veteran" has the meaning assigned by Section 657.002(c).

(b) Each state agency with more than 500 full-time employees, using existing resources and employees, shall designate a full-time employee of the agency to serve as the veterans liaison for the agency. The employee's duties serving as the veterans liaison are secondary to the employee's primary duties for the agency.

(c) The veterans liaison shall:

1 (1) stay informed on trends and developments in
2 hiring veterans for positions within the agency and of services
3 available to veterans within and outside the agency;

4 (2) recruit veterans for open positions within the
5 agency; and

6 (3) serve as the contact for veterans within and
7 outside the agency to provide information about the agency and
8 veterans employment and services available within and outside the
9 agency.

10 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2015, each state
11 agency with more than 500 full-time employees shall designate a
12 full-time employee of the agency to serve as the veterans liaison
13 for the agency as required by Section 657.011, Government Code, as
14 added by this Act.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.