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H.B. No. 4043

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of an unmanned ground vehicle pilot
3 program at the Capitol Complex to employ veterans with a
4 service-connected disability.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 411.0626 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 411.0626. UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

9 The department shall establish a pilot program to provide enhanced
10 security in the Capitol Complex through the use of unmanned ground
11 vehicles.

12 (b) To establish the pilot program, the department shall
13 contract with a historically underutilized business that is a
14 veteran-owned small business for the business to provide enhanced
15 security in the Capitol Complex through the use of unmanned ground
16 vehicles. The contract must expire on the second anniversary of the
17 date the contract is executed and require the business to:

18 (1) employ veterans with a service-connected
19 disability to control the unmanned ground vehicles through the use
20 of remote control consoles; and

21 (2) deploy the unmanned ground vehicles in stages to
22 increase the number of vehicles in the Capitol Complex over the term
23 of the contract.

24 (c) Not later than September 1, 2018, the department shall

1 file a report on the pilot program, including information on the
2 program's costs and effectiveness, recommendations for
3 continuation or cancellation, and any other information the
4 department determines useful. The department shall submit the
5 report to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house
6 of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature
7 with jurisdiction over security in the Capitol Complex.

8 (d) This section expires September 1, 2019.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.