

1-1 By: Perry, Watson S.B. No. 503  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 9, 2015; February 11, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
 1-4 Military Installations; April 8, 2015, reported adversely, with  
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-6 Nays 0; April 8, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8				
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14			X	
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 503 By: Campbell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to financial assistance to local governmental entities  
 1-20 affected by the realignment of defense jobs or facilities.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 436.1531(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The office may provide a loan of financial assistance to  
 1-25 a defense community for an economic development project that  
 1-26 minimizes the negative effects of a defense base reduction on the  
 1-27 defense community as a result of a United States Department of  
 1-28 Defense base realignment process that occurs during 1995 [~~2005~~] or  
 1-29 later. The loan shall be made from the Texas military value  
 1-30 revolving loan account established under Section 436.156.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 436.1532(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-32 to read as follows:

1-33 (a) The office may provide a loan of financial assistance to  
 1-34 a defense community for an infrastructure project to accommodate  
 1-35 new or expanded military missions assigned to a military base or  
 1-36 defense facility located in, near, or adjacent to the defense  
 1-37 community as a result of a United States Department of Defense base  
 1-38 realignment process that occurs during 1995 [~~2005~~] or later. The  
 1-39 loan shall be made from the Texas military value revolving loan  
 1-40 account established under Section 436.156.

1-41 SECTION 3. Sections 436.202(a) and (b), Government Code,  
 1-42 are amended to read as follows:

1-43 (a) From money appropriated for this purpose, the  
 1-44 commission may make a grant to an eligible local governmental  
 1-45 entity to:

1-46 (1) enable the entity to match money or meet an  
 1-47 investment requirement necessary to receive federal assistance  
 1-48 provided to the local governmental entity for responding to or  
 1-49 recovering from an event described by Section 436.201(b);

1-50 (2) match the entity's contribution for a purpose  
 1-51 described by Section 436.203 at a closed or realigned defense  
 1-52 facility; ~~or~~

1-53 (3) construct infrastructure and other projects  
 1-54 necessary to accommodate a new or expanded military mission at a  
 1-55 military base or to reduce the impact of an action of the United  
 1-56 States Department of Defense that will negatively impact a defense  
 1-57 facility located in or near the entity; or

1-58 (4) construct infrastructure and other projects  
 1-59 necessary to prevent the reduction or closing of a defense  
 1-60 facility.

2-1 (b) The commission may not make a grant for an amount less  
2-2 than \$50,000 or an amount more than the lesser of:

2-3 (1) 50 percent of the amount of matching money or  
2-4 investment that the local governmental entity is required to  
2-5 provide, subject to Subsection (c);

2-6 (2) 50 percent of the local governmental entity's  
2-7 investment for purposes described by Section 436.203 if federal  
2-8 assistance is unavailable; or

2-9 (3) \$5 [~~\$2~~] million.

2-10 SECTION 4. Section 436.203(c), Government Code, is amended  
2-11 to read as follows:

2-12 (c) An eligible local governmental entity described by  
2-13 Section 436.201(a)(3), [~~or~~] (4), or (5) may use the proceeds of the  
2-14 grant to purchase or lease equipment to train defense workers whose  
2-15 jobs have been threatened or lost because of an event described by  
2-16 Section 436.201(b) or to train workers to support military  
2-17 installations or defense facilities.

2-18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-22 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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