

Amend SB 805 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 434.212, 434.213, and 434.214 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.212. WOMEN VETERANS REPORT. Not later than November 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature a report on women veterans in this state. The report may be delivered electronically and must:

(1) estimate the:

(A) number of women veterans in this state;

(B) number of women veterans who contact the commission for assistance; and

(C) number of women veterans who receive assistance from the commission, the Texas Workforce Commission, the Department of State Health Services, and other state agencies;

(2) identify the unique problems faced by women veterans; and

(3) recommend policy proposals, initiatives, and funding levels to address the problems identified in Subdivision (2).

Sec. 434.213. WOMEN VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN. The women veterans coordinator designated under Section 434.203, in consultation with the Governor's Commission for Women, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and any other appropriate agency, shall conduct a community outreach campaign to:

(1) provide information relating to and increase awareness of benefits and services available to women veterans;

(2) improve access to benefits and services for women veterans;

(3) increase participation of women veterans in programs that provide benefits and services;

(4) provide information on the significant contributions of women veterans in this state; and

(5) provide information relating to and increase

awareness of support groups and other organizations relating to family services, including services for women veterans who are single parents.

Sec. 434.214. APPLICATION FOR STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS, SERVICES, OR ASSISTANCE. (a) This section applies to a state agency in the executive branch of state government, including a health and human services agency, that provides to adult women in this state a program, a service, or assistance, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the supplemental nutrition assistance program, the women's health program, Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and a housing program or service or housing assistance.

(b) A state agency shall include in each application for a program, a service, or assistance provided by the agency to adult women:

(1) a space to indicate whether the applicant is a veteran; and

(2) model language informing the applicant that she may be entitled to additional services because of her veteran status.

(c) The commission shall develop the model language required on an application under Subsection (b)(2). The language must include a link to the veterans website established under Section 434.102 or, for an online application, a hyperlink to that website.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Not later than November 1, 2018, the women veterans coordinator shall establish the women veterans community outreach campaign as required under Section 434.213, Government Code, as added by this Act, and the Texas Veterans Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the campaign.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Veterans Commission shall develop the model application language required by Section 434.214, Government Code, as added by this Act, and post that information on the commission's Internet website.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2018, each state agency subject

to Section 434.214, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall modify the agency's application for programs, services, or assistance as necessary to implement that section.