

Amend SB 1698 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 434.203, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.203. COORDINATOR. (a) The executive director shall designate a women veterans coordinator for this state.

(b) The coordinator or the coordinator's designee shall serve as a liaison between state and federal agencies and organizations that provide benefits and services to women veterans.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 434.204, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 434.204. GENERAL PROGRAM DUTIES. The program shall:

(1) provide assistance to the women veterans of this state as provided by this subchapter;

(2) perform outreach functions to improve the awareness of women veterans of their eligibility for federal and state veterans' benefits and services;

(3) assess the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services;

(4) review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address the needs of the women veterans of this state;

(5) make recommendations to the executive director regarding the improvement of benefits and services to women veterans; ~~and~~

(6) incorporate issues concerning women veterans in commission planning regarding veterans' benefits and services; and

(7) in collaboration with appropriate state agencies, provide information to women veterans on services and resources provided by state or federal agencies and organizations to women veterans.