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H.B. No. 1973

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to enhanced employment services for veterans and military servicemembers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 302, Labor Code, is amended by adding Section 302.0033 to read as follows:

Sec. 302.0033. OPERATION WELCOME HOME PROGRAM. (a) The commission shall establish and administer the Operation Welcome Home program to expedite the entry of veterans and military servicemembers into the workforce through the use of enhanced employment services. In establishing the program, the commission shall build partnerships between military transition centers and local workforce development boards to ensure the availability of employment services, including services related to:

(1) education;

(2) career technical training; and

(3) entrepreneurship.

(b) The commission may award grants to state, local, or private entities that perform activities related to the purposes of this section.

(c) The commission shall administer the program using money previously appropriated to the commission or received from federal or other sources.

(d) The commission may adopt rules as necessary for the

1 administration of this section.

2           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.