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H.B. No. 2515

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a veterans self-help center.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.0195 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.0195. VETERANS SELF-HELP CENTER. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission shall establish a veterans self-help center in a municipality with a population of more than 1.3 million located in a county in which three or more locations of a joint military base are located.

(b) In determining a location for the self-help center, the commission shall ensure that the center is located in an area of the municipality without United States Department of Veterans Affairs offices and treatment centers.

(c) The self-help center must provide access to appropriate veterans services and resources, including through staff and information technology services. The commission shall coordinate with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and any other appropriate state or federal agency, as necessary, to carry out the functions of the self-help center.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.