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S.B. No. 805

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of the Texas Women Veterans Program.

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

SECTION 1. 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 2. 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

1 regarding the improvement of benefits and services to women
2 veterans; [~~and~~]

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

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

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.