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S.B. No. 1679

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance to provide grants to support veterans county service offices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-3) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-3) In making the grants required under Subsection (c), the Texas Veterans Commission shall use at least five percent of the money appropriated to the commission under that subsection in each state fiscal year to provide grants to veterans county service offices created as provided by Section 434.032. A veterans county service office that receives a grant under Subsection (c) shall use the money to provide direct assistance and services to veterans residing in the county served by that office. On July 1 of each state fiscal year, if the commission has not received sufficient grant requests from veterans county service offices to make grants to the offices in the amount of five percent of the money appropriated to the commission under Subsection (c) in that state fiscal year, the commission may use any amount of the five percent remaining on that date for any purpose authorized under that subsection. This subsection may not be construed to prevent the commission from using more than five percent of the money appropriated to the commission under Subsection (c) to provide

1 grants to veterans county service offices.

2 (d) The Texas Veterans Commission may adopt rules governing
3 the award of grants by the commission under this section. The
4 commission shall adopt rules governing the award of grants to
5 veterans county service offices under Subsection (c-3).

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