

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1698
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 22, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
1-4 Security; April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 April 24, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Huffines	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Hall		X	
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Rodríguez	X		
1-15	Uresti	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1698 By: Lucio

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to outreach and awareness for women veterans in this
1-20 state.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Sections 434.212 and 434.213 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 434.212. WOMEN VETERANS REPORT. Not later than
1-25 November 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit
1-26 to the governor, lieutenant governor, and legislature a report on
1-27 women veterans in this state. The report may be delivered
1-28 electronically and must:

1-29 (1) estimate the:

1-30 (A) number of women veterans in this state;

1-31 (B) number of women veterans who contact the
1-32 commission for assistance; and

1-33 (C) number of women veterans who receive
1-34 assistance from the commission, the Texas Workforce Commission, the
1-35 Department of State Health Services, and other state agencies;

1-36 (2) identify the unique problems faced by women
1-37 veterans; and

1-38 (3) recommend policy proposals, initiatives, and
1-39 funding levels to address the problems identified in Subdivision
1-40 (2).

1-41 Sec. 434.213. WOMEN VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.
1-42 The women veterans coordinator designated under Section 434.203, in
1-43 consultation with the Governor's Commission for Women, the United
1-44 States Department of Veterans Affairs, and any other appropriate
1-45 agency, shall conduct a community outreach campaign to:

1-46 (1) provide information relating to and increase
1-47 awareness of benefits and services available to women veterans;

1-48 (2) improve access to benefits and services for women
1-49 veterans;

1-50 (3) increase participation of women veterans in
1-51 programs that provide benefits and services;

1-52 (4) provide information on the significant
1-53 contributions of women veterans in this state; and

1-54 (5) provide information relating to and increase
1-55 awareness of support groups and other organizations relating to
1-56 family services, including services for women veterans who are
1-57 single parents.

1-58 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2018, the women
1-59 veterans coordinator shall establish the women veterans community
1-60 outreach campaign as required under Section 434.213, Government

2-1 Code, as added by this Act, and the Texas Veterans Commission shall
2-2 adopt any rules necessary to implement the campaign.
2-3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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