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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 1593 |
| By: Bell, Cecil |
| Defense & Veterans' Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** It has been noted that members of the Texas State Guard are burdened with paying for their own uniforms and equipment used during training for and deployments to state active duty and that the uniform cost for an individual State Guard member is on average more than $300 for shirt, trousers, boots, and headgear. H.B. 1593 seeks to ease this burden by providing as an additional source of funding for the Texas State Guard uniform and insignia fund money appropriated, credited, or transferred by the legislature to the fund. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 1593 amends the Government Code to include among the components of the Texas State Guard uniform and insignia fund money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature.  |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |