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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to assisting inmates in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in obtaining veterans disability benefits.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.070 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.070.  ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VETERANS DISABILITY BENEFITS. The department shall ensure that appropriate medical or health care personnel assist an inmate who is a veteran in completing a disability benefits questionnaire and submitting the questionnaire to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of obtaining federal veterans disability benefits.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.