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S.B. No. 2104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.040. TEXAS VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER TASK FORCE. (a) In this section, "task force" means the Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force.

(b) The Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force is established to study the impact and efficacy of officers in this state.

(c) The task force is composed of the following members:

(1) the chair of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs;

(2) the chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security;

(3) a representative of the Texas Veterans Commission;

(4) officers from various regions of the state; and

(5) a representative of the Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations.

(d) The task force shall:

(1) examine the role and duties of officers in each county;

1 (2) identify the regions of this state that are in need
2 of officers; and

3 (3) determine types and levels of support needed from
4 this state in order for officers to appropriately advocate for the
5 veterans served by the officers.

6 (e) Not later than December 1, 2020, the task force shall
7 prepare and submit a report on the issues described in Subsection
8 (d) to the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security,
9 House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs, and Texas
10 Veterans Commission.

11 (f) This section expires January 1, 2021.

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