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S.B. No. 2131

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application for and loans from the Texas military value revolving loan account.

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

SECTION 1. Section 436.054, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The commission is a governmental body for purposes of the open meetings law, Chapter 551. Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (c), Chapter 551 applies to a meeting of the commission.

(c) The commission may allow for members' participation in a meeting by telephone or other means of telecommunication or electronic communication to consider an application for a loan from the Texas military value revolving loan account. Any voting conducted by telephone or other means of telecommunication or electronic communication shall be subject to the same quorum requirements of meetings where members are present in person.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 436, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 436.1533 to read as follows:

Sec. 436.1533. USE OF LOAN PROCEEDS TO PAY OTHER DEBT INCURRED TO FINANCE PROJECT. A defense community awarded a loan of financial assistance from the Texas military value revolving loan account for an eligible project under this subchapter may use a portion of the loan proceeds to pay off other debt, including

1 commercial debt, the defense community incurred for purposes of
2 financing the project.

3 SECTION 3. Section 436.154(a), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) The commission shall adopt rules, in consultation with
6 the Texas Public Finance Authority, that contain the criteria for
7 evaluating the credit of a loan applicant and the financial
8 feasibility of a project. The commission, in consultation with the
9 Texas Public Finance Authority, shall also adopt a loan application
10 form. The application form may include:

11 (1) the name of the defense community and its
12 principal officers;

13 (2) the total cost of the project;

14 (3) the amount of state financial assistance
15 requested;

16 (4) the plan for repaying the loan; and

17 (5) any other information the commission requires to
18 perform its duties and to protect the public interest.

19 SECTION 4. The Texas Military Preparedness Commission is
20 required to implement a provision of this Act only if the
21 legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If
22 the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
23 purpose, the commission may, but is not required to, implement a
24 provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that
25 purpose.

26 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.