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H.B. No. 476

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance to provide  
3 pro bono legal services to veterans and active duty service  
4 members.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(c), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (c) Money in the fund may only be appropriated to the Texas  
9 Veterans Commission. Money appropriated under this subsection  
10 shall be used to:

11 (1) make grants to address veterans' needs;

12 (2) make grants to provide pro bono legal services to  
13 veterans, active duty members of the United States armed forces,  
14 and members of the state military forces;

15 (3) administer the fund; and

16 (4) (3) analyze and investigate data received from  
17 the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS)  
18 that is administered by the Administration for Children and  
19 Families of the United States Department of Health and Human  
20 Services.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.