

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Defense & Veterans' Affairs  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, August 21, 2024  
PLACE: San Antonio, TX (see details below)  
CHAIR: Rep. Terry M. Wilson

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Public Access to Meeting Location at:  
501 W. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.  
San Antonio, Texas 78207  
La Villita Room, #1.116, Durango bldg.  
UTSA Downtown Campus

The Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs will meet to hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges and topics:

**Monitoring:** Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation:

SB 422, relating to the authority of certain military service members to engage in a business or occupation in this state;

**Professional License Portability for Military and Spouses:** Evaluate compliance statewide with the Section 19 of the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-333, 50 U.S.C. §4025a), concerning the portability of professional licenses of service members and spouses and make recommendations to ensure that service members and their spouses may, under appropriate circumstances, continue to practice under a license issued by another jurisdiction.

**Strength of Texas Military Bases:** Review the federal criteria for considering and recommending base closure or realignment and evaluate the strength of Texas Military Bases under the scoring system utilized by the U.S. Department of Defense. Make recommendations to mitigate the risk of realignments or closures of military installations in Texas.

**Recruitment and Retention:** Investigate current strategies for attracting new members to include JROTC/ROTC expansion and retaining existing personnel. Assess current retention rates and identify factors leading to personnel turnover.

**Defense Research & Partnerships:** Review the role and contributions of the

University of Texas San Antonio to the defense of the state and nation through defense research, especially with regard to security infrastructure, talent recruitment, and development of partnerships with the federal government.

Electronic Public Comments may be submitted for:

Implementation of SB 422  
Professional License Portability for Military and Spouses  
Strength of Texas Military Bases  
Recruitment and Retention  
Defense Research & Partnerships

For those persons who will be testifying, please see the clerk.

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be unavailable.

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until the hearing is adjourned by visiting:

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