

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1875
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that some families of veterans must travel long distances to visit their loved ones' graves due to the limited number of veterans cemeteries in Texas, with some regions lacking any such cemeteries at all. H.B. 1875 seeks to address this issue by directing the General Land Office to study the obstacles preventing veterans from being buried closer to home and explore solutions for establishing new veterans cemeteries across the state.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1875 requires the General Land Office (GLO), in coordination with the Texas Veterans Commission, to study obstacles Texas veterans face in accessing a burial plot in a veterans cemetery in Texas and opportunities to address the operational needs of veterans cemeteries in Texas, including locations, maintenance, and other operational needs of veterans cemeteries. Not later than April 1, 2026, the GLO must submit to the lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and chairs of the house and senate committees with primary jurisdiction over veterans affairs a written report summarizing the results of the study and providing recommendations for legislative or other action. The bill's provisions expire September 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.