

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 24, 2019

Date

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dennis Bonnen
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 601 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

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Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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S.B. No. 601

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Veterans
Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.002(a), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Veterans Commission is subject to Chapter 325
(Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by
that chapter, the commission is abolished September 1, 2031 [~~2019~~].

SECTION 2. Section 434.0061, Government Code, is amended by
amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
follows:

(b) The training program must provide the person with
information regarding:

(1) the law governing commission operations
[~~legislation that created the commission~~];

(2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of the
commission;

(3) the results of the most recent formal audit of the
commission;

(4) the requirements of:

(A) laws relating to open meetings, public
information, administrative procedure, and disclosure of conflicts
of interest; and

1 (B) other laws applicable to members of a state
2 policymaking body in performing their duties;

3 (5) any applicable ethics policies adopted by the
4 commission or the Texas Ethics Commission; and

5 (6) the scope of and limitations on the rulemaking
6 authority of the commission.

7 (d) The executive director of the commission shall create a
8 training manual that includes the information required by
9 Subsection (b). The executive director shall distribute a copy of
10 the training manual annually to each member of the commission. Each
11 member of the commission shall sign and submit to the executive
12 director a statement acknowledging that the member received and has
13 reviewed the training manual.

14 SECTION 3. Section 434.007, Government Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 434.007. DUTIES. (a) The commission shall:

17 (1) compile federal, state, and local laws enacted to
18 benefit members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families
19 and dependents;

20 (2) collect information relating to services and
21 facilities available to veterans;

22 (3) cooperate with veterans service agencies in the
23 state;

24 (4) inform members and veterans of the armed forces,
25 their families and dependents, and military and civilian
26 authorities about the existence or availability of:

27 (A) educational training and retraining

1 facilities;

2 (B) health, medical, rehabilitation, and housing
3 services and facilities;

4 (C) employment and reemployment services;

5 (D) provisions of federal, state, and local law
6 affording rights, privileges, and benefits to members and veterans
7 of the armed forces and their families and dependents; and

8 (E) other similar, related, or appropriate
9 matters;

10 (5) assist veterans and their families and dependents
11 in presenting, proving, and establishing claims, privileges,
12 rights, and benefits they may have under federal, state, or local
13 law;

14 (6) cooperate with all government and private agencies
15 securing services or benefits to veterans and their families and
16 dependents;

17 (7) investigate, and if possible correct, abuses or
18 exploitation of veterans or their families or dependents, and
19 recommend necessary legislation for full correction;

20 (8) coordinate the services and activities of state
21 departments and divisions having services and resources affecting
22 veterans or their families or dependents;

23 (9) provide training and certification of veterans
24 county service officers and assistant veterans county service
25 officers in accordance with Section 434.038;

26 (10) through surveys or other reasonable and accurate
27 methods of estimation, collect and maintain for each county in the

1 state the number of servicemembers and veterans residing in the
2 county and annually update and publish the information on the
3 commission's website; ~~[and]~~

4 (11) with the assistance and cooperation of the
5 comptroller, inform and assist veterans and their families and
6 dependents with respect to discovering and initiating claims for
7 unclaimed property held by the United States Department of Veterans
8 Affairs;

9 (12) annually evaluate and set priorities for each
10 program administered by the commission to meet the changing needs
11 of veterans in this state;

12 (13) annually set concrete goals for staff and measure
13 the staff's performance; and

14 (14) establish success measures and corresponding
15 targets for each program administered by the commission and report
16 the program's progress in meeting the measures and targets in:

17 (A) any annual internal report for that program;
18 and

19 (B) the commission's strategic plan under
20 Section 2056.002.

21 (b) In setting priorities under Subsection (a)(12), the
22 commission shall consider:

23 (1) the existing strategic plan under Section 2056.002
24 and the needs assessment under Section 434.017(c-1);

25 (2) complaint data;

26 (3) performance outcomes;

27 (4) veteran survey results;

1 (5) staff input; and

2 (6) any other available information.

3 SECTION 4. Section 434.0078, Government Code, is amended by
4 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and
5 (f) to read as follows:

6 (a) The commission shall adopt procedures for administering
7 claims assistance services under Section 434.007(a)(5)
8 [~~434.007(5)~~]. The procedures shall include:

9 (1) criteria for determining when a veteran's initial
10 claim is substantially complete and basic eligibility requirements
11 are met as provided by federal law;

12 (2) a process for expediting a claim based on
13 hardship, including whether the veteran:

14 (A) is in immediate need;

15 (B) is terminally ill;

16 (C) has a verifiable financial hardship; or

17 (D) has a disability that presents an undue
18 burden;

19 (3) a procedure for counseling veterans on the
20 potential merits or drawbacks of pursuing a claim;

21 (4) a process to ensure adequate documentation and
22 development of a claim or appeal, including early client
23 involvement, collection of needed evidence and records, and
24 analysis of actions necessary to pursue and support a claim or
25 appeal;

26 (5) criteria for evaluating whether a decision of the
27 United States Department of Veterans Affairs contains sufficient

1 cause for filing an appeal;

2 (6) a requirement that a claims counselor report to
3 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the counselor
4 has direct knowledge that a claim contains false or deceptive
5 information; and

6 (7) a procedure for prioritizing a claim, when
7 appropriate, or providing an alternative source for obtaining
8 claims assistance services when it is not appropriate to
9 prioritize.

10 (c) The commission shall regularly evaluate claims
11 assistance services staffing to determine where counselors and
12 special team staff are most needed. The evaluation must include
13 the:

14 (1) workload of staff;

15 (2) number of veterans denied claims assistance
16 services; and

17 (3) quality of claims prepared at each of the claims
18 assistance services offices.

19 (d) The commission shall regularly evaluate the needs and
20 performance of any special claims assistance resources provided by
21 the legislature, including the state strike force team and the
22 fully developed claims team, and request to adjust staffing for
23 those resources as appropriate.

24 (e) The commission shall regularly collect detailed
25 information on the outcome of claims and use that information to
26 evaluate and improve claims assistance services. The commission,
27 at a minimum, shall track and evaluate the following information by

claims district:

(1) the quality of claims submitted to the state strike force team;

(2) the percentage of claims developed through claims assistance services that are processed as fully developed claims by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(3) the success rate of claims and appeals developed through claims assistance services; and

(4) the average processing time for claims and appeals by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(f) In documenting the success rate of claims and appeals as required by Subsection (e), the commission shall include in a consolidated report each claim, the corresponding decision by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the status and outcome of any appeal.

SECTION 5. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

(c-4) The commission shall publish the most recent needs assessment under Subsection (c-1) on the commission's Internet website.

SECTION 6. Section 434.033, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) To be appointed as an officer a person must:

(1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office; and

(2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and

1 rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
2 controlling cases that come before the commission[, and
3 ~~[(3) have the service experience specified by~~
4 ~~Subsection (c) or be:~~

5 ~~[(A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried~~
6 ~~widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service,~~

7 ~~[(B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a~~
8 ~~total disability rating based either on having a service-connected~~
9 ~~disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual~~
10 ~~unemployability, or~~

11 ~~[(C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a~~
12 ~~minimum of 20 years on active duty].~~

13 (b-1) In appointing an officer, the commissioners court
14 shall give preference to a veteran who qualifies for a veteran's
15 employment preference under Chapter 657. A commissioners court
16 shall adopt and implement a county policy to give preference in
17 appointing officers to veterans.

18 SECTION 7. Section 434.352(c), Government Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (c) Subject to Section 434.3525, the [The] executive
21 director of the commission shall appoint a program director to
22 administer the mental health program for veterans.

23 SECTION 8. Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 434.3525 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 434.3525. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY.
26 To be eligible for appointment under Section 434.352(c), an
27 individual must:

1 (1) have at least a master's degree in a recognized
2 mental health field;

3 (2) be licensed in this state to practice a mental
4 health profession;

5 (3) have multiple years of postgraduate experience in
6 a human services setting, such as a community mental health center,
7 chemical dependency rehabilitation center, or residential
8 treatment facility; and

9 (4) have experience in providing trauma-informed
10 care, with preference given to a candidate with at least two years
11 of that experience.

12 SECTION 9. Section 434.033(c), Government Code, is
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 10. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
15 this section, Section 434.0061, Government Code, as amended by this
16 Act, applies to a member of the Texas Veterans Commission who is
17 appointed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

18 (b) A member of the Texas Veterans Commission who, before
19 the effective date of this Act, completed the training program
20 required by Section 434.0061, Government Code, as that law existed
21 before the effective date of this Act, is required to complete
22 additional training only on subjects added by this Act to the
23 training program as required by Section 434.0061, Government Code,
24 as amended by this Act. A commission member described by this
25 subsection may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member in
26 attendance at a meeting of the commission held on or after December
27 1, 2019, until the member completes the additional training.

1 SECTION 11. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas
2 Veterans Commission shall complete the initial annual evaluation of
3 and set priorities for each program administered by the commission
4 as required by Section 434.007(a)(12), Government Code, as added by
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 12. (a) Not later than December 1, 2019, the Texas
7 Veterans Commission shall establish success measures and
8 corresponding targets for each program administered by the
9 commission as required by Section 434.007(a)(14), Government Code,
10 as added by this Act.

11 (b) Not later than February 1, 2020, the commission shall
12 include the success measures and corresponding targets described by
13 Subsection (a) of this section and any preliminary data from those
14 measures in any annual internal reports for those programs.

15 (c) Not later than June 1, 2020, the commission shall
16 include in the commission's strategic plan under Section 2056.002,
17 Government Code, the success measures and corresponding targets
18 described by Subsection (a) of this section.

19 SECTION 13. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
20 434.033, Government Code, apply only to the appointment of a
21 veterans county service officer that occurs on or after the
22 effective date of this Act. A person who is serving as a veterans
23 county service officer immediately before the effective date of
24 this Act may continue to serve for the remainder of the officer's
25 term, and that officer's qualifications for serving as an officer
26 for that term are governed by the law in effect immediately before
27 the effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 14. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section,
2 Section 434.3525, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies
3 only to an individual appointed to the position of program director
4 under Section 434.352(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act,
5 on or after the effective date of this Act.

6 (b) An individual appointed to the position of program
7 director under Section 434.352(c), Government Code, before the
8 effective date of this Act is not eligible to hold that position
9 after September 1, 2021, unless the individual satisfies the
10 eligibility requirements under Section 434.3525, Government Code,
11 as added by this Act, on or before September 1, 2021.

12 SECTION 15. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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- (4) a process to ensure adequate documentation and development of a claim or appeal, including early client involvement, collection of needed evidence and records, and analysis of actions necessary to pursue and support a claim or appeal;
- (5) criteria for evaluating whether a decision of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs contains sufficient cause for filing an appeal;
- (6) a requirement that a claims counselor report to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs if the counselor has direct knowledge that a claim contains false or deceptive information; and
- (7) a procedure for prioritizing a claim, when appropriate, or providing an alternative source for obtaining claims assistance services when it is not appropriate to prioritize.
- (c) The commission shall regularly evaluate claims assistance services staffing to determine where counselors and special team staff are most needed. The evaluation must include the:
- (1) workload of staff;
- (2) number of veterans *denied* claims assistance services; and
- (3) quality of claims prepared at each of the claims assistance services offices.
- (d) The commission shall regularly evaluate the needs and performance of any special claims assistance resources provided by the legislature, including the state strike force team and the fully developed claims team, and request to adjust staffing for those resources as appropriate.

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- (7) a procedure for prioritizing a claim, when appropriate, or providing an alternative source for obtaining claims assistance services when it is not appropriate to prioritize.
- (c) The commission shall regularly evaluate claims assistance services staffing to determine where counselors and special team staff are most needed. The evaluation must include the:
- (1) workload of staff;
- (2) number of veterans *who requested* claims assistance services *at a claims assistance services office and failed to receive assistance the same day;*
- (3) *percentage of veterans described by Subdivision (2) who received assistance at a later date;* and
- (4) quality of claims prepared at each of the claims assistance services offices.
- (d) The commission shall regularly evaluate the needs and performance of any special claims assistance resources provided by the legislature, including the state strike force team and the fully developed claims team, and request to adjust staffing for those resources as appropriate.

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(e) The commission shall regularly collect detailed information on the outcome of claims and use that information to evaluate and improve claims assistance services. The commission, at a minimum, shall track and evaluate the following information by claims district:

(1) the quality of claims submitted to the state strike force team;

(2) the percentage of claims developed through claims assistance services that are processed as fully developed claims by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

(3) the success rate of claims and appeals developed through claims assistance services; and

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(f) In documenting the success rate of claims and appeals as required by Subsection (e), the commission shall include in a consolidated report each claim, the corresponding decision by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, and the status and outcome of any appeal.

SECTION 5. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended.

SECTION 6. Section 434.033, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) To be appointed as an officer a person must:

(1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office; and

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SECTION 5. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 6. Section 434.033, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c-1), (c-2), and (c-3) to read as follows:

(b) *Except as provided by Subsection (c-2),* to [Tø] be appointed as an officer a person must:

(1) be qualified by education and training for the duties of the office;

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(2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs controlling cases that come before the commission~~]; and~~

~~[(3) have the service experience specified by Subsection (c) or be:~~

~~[(A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service;~~

~~[(B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability; or~~

~~[(C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty].~~

(b-1) In appointing an officer, the commissioners court shall give preference to a veteran who qualifies for a veteran's employment preference under Chapter 657. A commissioners court shall adopt and implement a county policy to give preference in appointing officers to veterans.

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(2) be experienced in the law, regulations, and rulings of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs controlling cases that come before the commission; and

(3) *have the service experience specified by Subsection (c) or be:*

(A) a widowed Gold Star Mother or unremarried widow of a serviceman or veteran whose death resulted from service;

(B) the spouse of a disabled veteran who has a total disability rating based either on having a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 100 percent or on individual unemployability; or

(C) the spouse of a retired veteran who served a minimum of 20 years on active duty.

(c-1) Before selecting an individual for appointment as an officer, a commissioners court described by Subsection (a) shall solicit applications from individuals interested in being appointed as an officer, including by posting notice for at least 30 consecutive days on:

(1) the commission's Internet website; and

(2) the online system for listing state agency employment openings maintained by the Texas Workforce Commission.

(c-2) If the commissioners court is unable to appoint an individual who meets the requirements under Subsection (b)(3), the commissioners court may apply to the commission for approval to appoint an individual who does not meet those requirements. The commission shall approve the appointment if the commissioners court provides to the commission:

(1) a certified letter from a local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and from a local chapter of the American

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Legion stating that the commissioners court solicited applications from members of those chapters; and
(2) proof that the commissioners court posted notice soliciting applications on the commission's Internet website and the online system described by Subsection (c-1)(2) for at least 90 days.
(c-3) An individual whose appointment is approved by the commission under Subsection (c-2) is eligible for certification under Section 434.038 if the individual satisfies the requirements provided by that section.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 7. Section 434.352(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(c) Subject to Section 434.3525, the [The] executive director of the commission shall appoint a program director to administer the mental health program for veterans.

SECTION 7. Same as House version.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 8. Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.3525 to read as follows:
Sec. 434.3525. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY. To be eligible for appointment under Section 434.352(c), an individual must:
(1) have at least a master's degree in a recognized mental health field;
(2) be licensed in this state to practice a mental health profession;
(3) have multiple years of postgraduate experience in a human services setting, such as a community mental health

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center, chemical dependency rehabilitation center, or residential treatment facility;

(4) have experience in providing mental health services with primary care teams, with preference given to a candidate with at least four years of that experience;

(5) have experience in providing population-based care, with preference given to a candidate with at least two years of that experience; and

(6) have experience in providing trauma-informed care, with preference given to a candidate with at least two years of that experience.

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(4) have experience in providing trauma-informed care, with preference given to a candidate with at least two years of that experience.

SECTION 7. Section 434.033(c), Government Code, is repealed.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 9. Same as Senate version.

SECTIONS 8-10. Procedural provisions.

SECTIONS 9-11. Same as Senate version.

SECTIONS 10-12. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 11. Saving provision.

SECTION 12. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 13. Same as Senate version.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 13. *Regardless of when* an individual *was first* appointed to the position, *an individual is not eligible to hold the position* of program director under Section 434.352(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act, *after December 1, 2019,*

SECTION 14. *(a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section, Section 434.3525, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to* an individual appointed to the position of program director under Section 434.352(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act, *on or after the effective date of this Act.*

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unless the individual satisfies the eligibility requirements under Section 434.3525, Government Code, as added by this Act.

(b) An individual appointed to the position of program director under Section 434.352(c), Government Code, before the effective date of this Act is not eligible to hold that position after September 1, 2021, unless the individual satisfies the eligibility requirements under Section 434.3525, Government Code, as added by this Act, on or before September 1, 2021.

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

SECTION 14. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 15. Same as Senate version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2019

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB601** by Hall (Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Veterans Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 304
Comptroller of Public Accounts

LBB Staff: WP, LLo, AF, SLE, NV

**Certification of Compliance with
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under House Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not subject to a point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on SB 601 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.


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5/24/19
(date)