

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 1253  
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that after former Governor Rick Perry called on the Texas National Guard to deploy to the Texas-Mexico border to assist with border security in 2014, the National Guard personnel began what would become their longest deployment to that area. S.B. 1253 seeks to recognize any member of the Texas military forces who has satisfactorily participated in border security operations.

### **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**

S.B. 1253 reenacts and amends Section 437.355, Government Code, to incorporate amendments made to Section 431.134, Government Code, by Chapter 243 (H.B. 402), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and to include among the medals and ribbons for which the governor or the adjutant general, if the adjutant general is delegated the authority, is authorized to adopt policies and regulations relating to the awarding of such medals and ribbons the Texas Border Security and Support Service Ribbon, which is required to be awarded to a member of the Texas military forces who served on or after July 28, 2014, on state active duty and satisfactorily in support of operations to secure the Texas border.

S.B. 1253 repeals Section 431.134, Government Code.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.