

- SUBJECT:** Designating certain state agency employees as veterans liaisons
- COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — S. King, Frank, Aycock, Blanco, Farias, Schaefer, Shaheen
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jim Brennan, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations)

Against — None

On — Randy Nesbitt, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; Jeff Williford, Texas Veterans Commission; Chris Jaramillo; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Andre Smith, HHSC)
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1457 would require state agencies with more than 500 full-time employees to designate one full-time employee to serve as the veterans liaison for the agency. The bill would require that existing resources be used in the designation and that the employee's duties as veterans liaison be secondary to their primary duties for the agency.
- The veterans liaison would be required to:
- stay informed on trends and developments in hiring veterans for positions within the agency and of services available to veterans both within and outside of the agency;
 - recruit veterans for open positions within the agency; and
 - serve as the contact for veterans both within and outside the agency for the purpose of providing information about the agency, veterans employment, and services available within and outside the agency.
- Each applicable state agency would have to designate a veterans liaison by December 1, 2015.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.