

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 643  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the statute governing criteria for Texas military awards is very specific and does not allow flexibility to accurately reflect the current operations of the state military forces. Presently, these forces are called upon to perform missions beyond the realm of imagination of the original statute authors. This bill deletes existing descriptions of certain medals, effectively granting the adjutant general increased freedom to adopt regulations for awards for members of the state or other military forces.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 643 deletes descriptions of certain medals for members of the state, or other military forces.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 431.134, Government Code, to delete the complete existing descriptions of medals concerning which the adjutant general is authorized to adopt rules, including the Texas Faithful Service Medal, Federal Service Medal, Texas Medal of Merit, Texas Outstanding Service Medal, Texas State Guard Service Medal, Texas Desert Shield/Desert Storm Campaign Medal, and the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

#### SECTION 1.

Amends Section 431.134, Government Code, to include the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal with other awards the adjutant general is authorized to regulate.