

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

During the 84th legislative session, the Texas Legislature created new general officer positions within the Texas National Guard. However, the Federal National Guard Bureau failed to recognize the position titles and subsequently did not fund them. This bill would clarify these new general officer titles and duties to allow for proper recognition and funding.

As proposed, S.B. 102 amends current law relating to general officers within the state military department.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 437.058, Government Code, by amending Subsections (a), (d), (e), and (f) and adding Subsection (d-1), as follows:

(a) Authorizes the military commander of Texas military forces (adjutant general) to appoint as general officers one or more assistant deputy adjutants general for army, an assistant deputy adjutant general for air, an assistant adjutant general for homeland security, and an assistant adjutant general for domestic operations, rather than an assistant deputy adjutant general for army, an assistant deputy adjutant general for air, an assistant deputy adjutant general for homeland security, and an assistant deputy adjutant general for government affairs.

(d) Requires the assistant deputy adjutants general for army, rather than the assistant deputy adjutant general for the army, to perform certain duties. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(d-1) Requires the assistant deputy adjutant general for air to perform certain duties.

(e) Requires the assistant adjutant general for homeland security, rather than the assistant deputy adjutant general for the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, as determined by the adjutant general, to coordinate with other state agencies in matters pertaining to homeland security and to coordinate homeland security actions taken by the National Guard Bureau in this state. Deletes existing text providing that the assistant adjutant general for homeland security coordinate with other state agencies to ensure state emergency services are provided and organized to support the state operations center.

(f) Requires the assistant adjutant general for domestic operations, rather than the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, as determined by the adjutant general, to:

(1) coordinate activities of the Texas military forces with the National Guard Bureau to ensure state emergency services are provided and organized to support the state operations center; and

(2) coordinate with other federal, state, and local jurisdictions and officials.
Deletes existing text relating to ensuring funding and coordination with other federal, state, and local jurisdictions and officials in matters relating to the operations of the Texas military forces occurring in the assistant deputy adjutant general's jurisdiction or oversight.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.