AN ACT

relating to information about services for women veterans provided
through certain state agency applications.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 434.212 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.212. APPLICATION FOR STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS,
SERVICES, OR ASSISTANCE. (a) This section applies to a state
agency in the executive branch of state government, including a
health and human services agency, that provides to adult women in
this state a program, a service, or assistance, including the
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the supplemental
nutrition assistance program, the women's health program,
Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
Infants, and Children, and a housing program or service or housing
assistance.

(b) A state agency shall include in each application for a
program, a service, or assistance provided by the agency to adult
women:

(1) a space to indicate whether the applicant is a
veteran; and

(2) model language informing the applicant that she
may be entitled to additional services because of her veteran
status.
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(c) The commission shall develop the model language required on an application under Subsection (b)(2). The language must include a link to the veterans website established under Section 434.102 or, for an online application, a hyperlink to that website.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas Veterans Commission shall develop the model application language required by Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act, and post that information on the commission's Internet website.

(b) Not later than March 1, 2018, each state agency subject to Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall modify the agency's application for programs, services, or assistance as necessary to implement that section.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.
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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1677 passed the Senate on May 1, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1677 passed the House on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 12, three present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Governor

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Jun 15, 2017
TO: Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1677 by Lucio (Relating to information about services for women veterans provided through certain state agency applications.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |

The bill would require state agencies to include language on applications for assistance, services, or programs notifying female veterans of possible additional resources available.

The Health and Human Services Commission and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs estimate there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill however both agencies can absorb these costs within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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TO: Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1677 by Lucio (Relating to information about services for women veterans provided through certain state agency and hospital applications.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require state agencies and hospitals to include language on applications for assistance, services, or programs notifying female veterans of possible additional resources for help and to share applicant information with the Texas Veterans Commission for the purposes of informing applicants of additional resources available.

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