

Chapter 562

S.B. No. 591

AN ACT

relating to a community outreach campaign to increase awareness of veterans benefits and services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.024 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.024. VETERANS COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN.

(a) The Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct a community outreach campaign to provide information relating to and increase awareness of benefits and services available to veterans, including:

(1) claims assistance services;

(2) technology services, including the veterans website under Section 434.102;

(3) health, financial, rehabilitation, and housing services;

(4) employment and reemployment services;

(5) legal services, including the veterans treatment court program under Chapter 124;

(6) state and federal education benefits;

(7) grants available to veterans;

(8) entrepreneurial services under Section 434.022;

and

(9) mental health services.

1 (b) The community outreach campaign must include outreach
2 efforts at:

3 (1) community centers;

4 (2) places of worship; and

5 (3) any other place in a community where veterans
6 routinely gather, as determined by the commission.

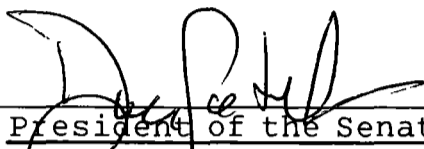
7 (c) The commission shall collaborate with, and may contract
8 with, community-based, nonprofit, or private organizations to
9 implement the community outreach campaign under this section.


10 (d) The commission may solicit and accept gifts and grants
11 to fund the community outreach campaign under this section.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than November 1, 2018, the Texas
13 Veterans Commission shall establish the veterans community
14 outreach campaign as required under Section 434.024, Government
15 Code, as added by this Act, and shall adopt any rules necessary to
16 implement the campaign.

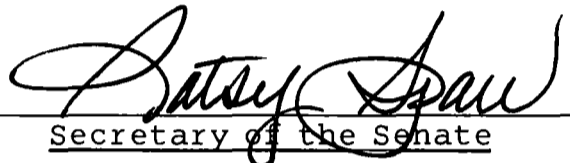
17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 591 passed the Senate on April 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. _____

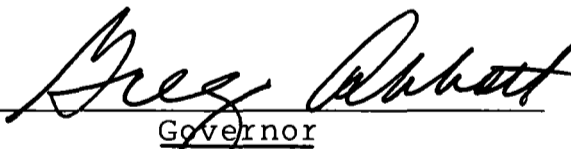

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 591 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting _____



Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-9-2017
Date


Governor

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 20, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB591 by Lucio (Relating to a community outreach campaign to increase awareness of veterans benefits and services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, WP, GGo, NV

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 11, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB591 by Lucio (Relating to a community outreach campaign to increase awareness of veterans benefits and services.), **As Introduced**

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