

AN ACT

relating to a study on homeless veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter OO to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER OO. HOMELESS VETERANS

Sec. 2306.1101. STUDY ON HOMELESS VETERANS. (a) The department, in conjunction with other members of the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter KK, shall conduct a study and prepare a report on homeless veterans.

(b) The report prepared under this section must:

(1) include a summary of the information resulting from the study;

(2) note any significant assumptions made in preparing the report, including the definition of "homelessness" that was used to prepare the report and the reason that definition was used;

(3) summarize the status of the homeless veteran population in this state and note any trends observed in the previous three calendar years;

(4) based on input from the Texas Veterans Commission and the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless, describe the statewide and major local entities serving homeless veteran populations, and the funding sources of those entities; and

(5) provide recommendations, including

1 recommendations made by the Texas Interagency Council for the
2 Homeless, to improve the effectiveness of this state's approach to
3 addressing homelessness among veterans, including any recommended
4 changes to state law.

5 (c) The department shall submit the report required by this
6 section to the legislature not later than December 1, 2016.

7 (d) This subchapter expires September 1, 2017.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1580 passed the Senate on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1580 passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 111, Nays 31, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor