

1-1 By: Garcia S.B. No. 1580
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; May 4, 2015, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
1-6 Nays 0; May 4, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>Campbell</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Burton</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Garcia</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Rodríguez</u>	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1580 By: Garcia

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study on homeless veterans.
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-21 SECTION 1. Chapter 2306, Government Code, is amended by
1-22 adding Subchapter OO to read as follows:
1-23 SUBCHAPTER OO. HOMELESS VETERANS
1-24 Sec. 2306.1101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "homeless
1-25 veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in the armed
1-26 forces of the United States or in the state military forces as
1-27 defined by Section 437.001 and who:
1-28 (1) lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime
1-29 residence, including a person who:
1-30 (A) is temporarily allowed to stay in the house
1-31 of another person due to loss of housing;
1-32 (B) is temporarily living in a motel or hotel;
1-33 (C) is living in an emergency shelter; or
1-34 (D) will lose housing in less than 15 days;
1-35 (2) has a primary nighttime residence that is a public
1-36 or private place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular
1-37 sleeping accommodation for humans; or
1-38 (3) is living in a car, park, other public space,
1-39 abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or
1-40 similar setting.
1-41 Sec. 2306.1102. STUDY ON HOMELESS VETERANS. (a) The
1-42 department, in conjunction with other members of the Texas
1-43 Interagency Council for the Homeless established under Subchapter
1-44 KK, shall conduct a study and prepare a report on homeless veterans.
1-45 The report must include a summary of the information resulting from
1-46 the study and recommendations for changes in law necessary to
1-47 provide services to or otherwise assist homeless veterans.
1-48 (b) In preparing the report required under this section, the
1-49 department shall:
1-50 (1) compile existing data on the number of homeless
1-51 veterans in this state;
1-52 (2) summarize existing studies regarding the needs of
1-53 homeless veterans and identify the degree to which current programs
1-54 are meeting those needs;
1-55 (3) identify existing sources of funding available to
1-56 members of the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless to
1-57 provide housing and services to homeless veterans; and
1-58 (4) develop recommendations for reducing veteran
1-59 homelessness in the state.
1-60 (c) The department shall submit the report required by this

2-1 section to the legislature not later than December 1, 2016.

2-2 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

2-3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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