

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1679
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 22, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
 1-4 Security; May 1, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1;
 1-6 May 1, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-13	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1679 By: Rodríguez

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

1-19 relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance to provide
 1-20 grants to support veterans county service offices.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section [434.017](#), Government Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subsection (c-3) and amending Subsection (d) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (c-3) In making the grants required under Subsection (c),
 1-26 the Texas Veterans Commission shall use at least five percent of the
 1-27 money appropriated to the commission under that subsection in each
 1-28 state fiscal year to provide grants to veterans county service
 1-29 offices created as provided by Section [434.032](#). A veterans county
 1-30 service office that receives a grant under Subsection (c) shall use
 1-31 the money to provide direct assistance and services to veterans
 1-32 residing in the county served by that office. On July 1 of each
 1-33 state fiscal year, if the commission has not received sufficient
 1-34 grant requests from veterans county service offices to make grants
 1-35 to the offices in the amount of five percent of the money
 1-36 appropriated to the commission under Subsection (c) in that state
 1-37 fiscal year, the commission may use any amount of the five percent
 1-38 remaining on that date for any purpose authorized under that
 1-39 subsection. This subsection may not be construed to prevent the
 1-40 commission from using more than five percent of the money
 1-41 appropriated to the commission under Subsection (c) to provide
 1-42 grants to veterans county service offices.

1-43 (d) The Texas Veterans Commission may adopt rules governing
 1-44 the award of grants by the commission under this section. The
 1-45 commission shall adopt rules governing the award of grants to
 1-46 veterans county service offices under Subsection (c-3).

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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