

1-1 By: Guillen, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 2193  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2025;  
 1-3 May 15, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
 1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Parker			X	
1-9 Eckhardt	X			
1-10 Gutierrez	X			
1-11 Hagenbuch	X			
1-12 Hall			X	
1-13 Menéndez	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study by the Texas Veterans Commission regarding the  
 1-18 provision of veterans benefits in this state.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. (a) In this Act, "commission" means the Texas  
 1-21 Veterans Commission.

1-22 (b) The commission shall conduct a study to determine:

1-23 (1) the number of veterans in this state who are  
 1-24 entitled under state or federal law to receive veterans benefits  
 1-25 managed, provided, or facilitated by the commission;

1-26 (2) the location of the veterans described by  
 1-27 Subdivision (1) of this subsection disaggregated by county;

1-28 (3) the number of claims benefit advisors employed by  
 1-29 the commission;

1-30 (4) the number of claims benefit advisors necessary  
 1-31 for the commission to employ and the geographic locations at which  
 1-32 the advisors should perform their duties in order to provide  
 1-33 services to veterans in the most efficient manner considering:

1-34 (A) the geographic areas currently served by  
 1-35 veterans county service officers; and

1-36 (B) the option of allowing multiple counties to  
 1-37 be served at the same location in a way that minimizes drive times  
 1-38 and distances traveled by veterans to receive services; and

1-39 (5) the costs to implement the service delivery system  
 1-40 described by Subdivision (4) of this subsection, including the  
 1-41 estimated costs of hiring, training, and equipping claims benefit  
 1-42 advisors and of offices and office operations and support staff.

1-43 (c) In determining the costs under Subsection (b)(5) of this  
 1-44 section, the commission may consider collocating claims benefit  
 1-45 advisors with facilities, institutions, and organizations that are  
 1-46 currently providing services to veterans.

1-47 (d) Not later than June 1, 2026, the commission shall submit  
 1-48 to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house  
 1-49 of representatives, and each member of the legislature a report on  
 1-50 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or  
 1-51 other action.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act expires January 1, 2027.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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