

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Campbell S.B. No. 2104
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 21, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
1-4 Security; April 9, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 April 9, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	<u>X</u>			
1-10	<u>X</u>			
1-11	<u>X</u>			
1-12	<u>X</u>			
1-13	<u>X</u>			
1-14	<u>X</u>			
1-15	<u>X</u>			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2104 By: Hall

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

1-19 relating to the creation of the Texas Veterans County Service
1-20 Officer Task Force.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 434.040 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 434.040. TEXAS VETERANS COUNTY SERVICE OFFICER TASK
1-25 FORCE. (a) In this section:

1-26 (1) "Rural county" means a county with a population of
1-27 less than 200,000.

1-28 (2) "Task force" means the Texas Veterans County
1-29 Service Officer Task Force.

1-30 (3) "Urban county" means a county with a population of
1-31 200,000 or more.

1-32 (b) The Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force is
1-33 established to study the impact and efficacy of officers in this
1-34 state.

1-35 (c) The task force is composed of the following nine
1-36 members:

1-37 (1) the chair of the House Committee on Defense and
1-38 Veterans' Affairs;

1-39 (2) the chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran
1-40 Affairs and Border Security;

1-41 (3) a representative of the commission;

1-42 (4) the chair of the Veterans County Service Officer
1-43 Advisory Committee;

1-44 (5) a representative of the Texas Coalition of
1-45 Veterans Organizations;

1-46 (6) an officer representing a rural county selected by
1-47 the chair of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs;

1-48 (7) an officer representing an urban county selected
1-49 by the chair of the House Committee on Defense and Veterans'
1-50 Affairs;

1-51 (8) an officer representing a rural county selected by
1-52 the chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border
1-53 Security; and

1-54 (9) an officer representing an urban county selected
1-55 by the chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border
1-56 Security.

1-57 (d) The chairs of the House Committee on Defense and
1-58 Veterans' Affairs and Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-59 Border Security serve as co-chairs of the task force.

1-60 (e) A recommendation of the task force must be approved by a

2-1 majority vote of the members of the task force.
2-2 (f) Each member of the task force has one vote.
2-3 (g) The task force shall:
2-4 (1) examine the role and duties of officers in each
2-5 county;
2-6 (2) identify the regions of this state that are in need
2-7 of officers; and
2-8 (3) determine types and levels of support needed from
2-9 this state in order for officers to appropriately advocate for the
2-10 veterans served by the officers.
2-11 (h) Not later than December 1, 2020, the commission shall
2-12 prepare and submit a report based on recommendations of the task
2-13 force regarding the issues described in Subsection (g) to the
2-14 Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security and House
2-15 Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs. The report must be
2-16 approved by a majority vote of the members of the task force.
2-17 (i) This section expires January 1, 2021.
2-18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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