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H.B. No. 697

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring entities that provide mental health services
3 to veterans to provide military cultural competency training to
4 personnel to accept a grant from a state agency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 434.352, Government Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

8 (e) A state agency may not award a grant to an entity for the
9 provision of mental health services to veterans unless the entity
10 demonstrates that it provides military cultural competency
11 training to its personnel who provide the services. The commission
12 and the Department of State Health Services jointly shall undertake
13 to ensure that a state agency that may award a grant subject to this
14 subsection has adopted policies to ensure compliance with this
15 subsection.

16 SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 1001,
17 Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

18 SUBCHAPTER I. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES [~~PROGRAM~~] FOR VETERANS

19 SECTION 3. Subchapter I, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety
20 Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.225 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 1001.225. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. The department may
22 not award a grant to an entity for the provision of mental health
23 services to veterans unless the entity demonstrates that it
24 provides military cultural competency training to its personnel who

1 provide the services.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.