

AN ACT

relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 434.352(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission and the Health and Human [~~Department of State Health~~] Services Commission shall coordinate to administer the mental health program for veterans developed under Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) For the mental health program for veterans, the commission shall:

(1) provide training to peer service coordinators and peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

(2) provide technical assistance to peer service coordinators and peers;

(3) identify, train, and communicate with community-based licensed mental health professionals, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

(4) coordinate services for justice involved veterans; ~~and~~

(5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for veterans training; and

1           (6) employ and train mental health professionals to  
2 assist the Health and Human Services Commission in the  
3 administration of the program.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3821 was passed by the House on May 8, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3821 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3821 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor