

1-1 By: Rosenthal, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 1457  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2023;  
 1-3 May 10, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

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

1-17 relating to required military informed care or military cultural  
 1-18 competency training for certain personnel of entities that provide  
 1-19 mental health services to veterans or veterans' families before  
 1-20 award of a state agency grant.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 434.352, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-23 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

1-24 (e) A state agency may not award a grant to an entity for the  
 1-25 provision of mental health services to veterans or veterans'  
 1-26 families unless the entity demonstrates the entity:

1-27 (1) has previously received and successfully executed  
 1-28 a grant from the state agency; or

1-29 (2) provides training on military informed care or  
 1-30 military cultural competency to entity personnel who provide mental  
 1-31 health services to veterans or veterans' families or requires those  
 1-32 personnel to complete military competency training provided by any  
 1-33 of the following:

1-34 (A) the commission;

1-35 (B) the Health and Human Services Commission;

1-36 (C) the Military Veteran Peer Network;

1-37 (D) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
 1-38 Services Administration within the United States Department of  
 1-39 Health and Human Services;

1-40 (E) the United States Department of Defense;

1-41 (F) the United States Department of Veterans  
 1-42 Affairs; or

1-43 (G) a nonprofit organization that is exempt from  
 1-44 federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code  
 1-45 of 1986, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3)  
 1-46 of that code, with experience in providing training or technical  
 1-47 assistance to entities that provide mental health services to  
 1-48 veterans or veterans' families.

1-49 (f) The commission and the Department of State Health  
 1-50 Services shall jointly verify that each state agency authorized to  
 1-51 award a grant subject to the requirements of Subsection (e) has  
 1-52 adopted policies to ensure compliance with Subsection (e).

1-53 SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 1001,  
 1-54 Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-55 SUBCHAPTER I. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES [PROGRAM] FOR VETERANS

1-56 SECTION 3. Subchapter I, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety  
 1-57 Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.225 to read as follows:

1-58 Sec. 1001.225. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. The department may  
 1-59 not award a grant to an entity for the provision of mental health  
 1-60 services to veterans or veterans' families unless the entity  
 1-61 demonstrates the entity:

