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H.B. No. 3550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to evaluating available resources from certain state agencies to support peer-recovery organizations in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 547, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. PEER-RECOVERY ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 547.0451. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Mental health condition" means a condition, other than a single diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability or a substance use disorder, that substantially impairs an individual's:

(A) thoughts, perception of reality, emotional process, or judgment;

(B) behavior; or

(C) ability to participate in daily routines.

(2) "Peer-recovery organization" means a nonprofit organization that:

(A) is wholly or partly operated by members of the community, with at least 51 percent of those members identifying as persons recovering from substance use disorders or mental health conditions;

(B) mobilizes resources from inside and outside of a community to increase the prevalence and quality of recovery

services for persons with mental health conditions or substance use disorders and their affected family members; and

(C) delivers peer support services provided by persons recovering from a substance use disorder or mental health condition.

(3) "Substance use disorder" means the recurrent use of alcohol or drugs that causes significant clinical and functional impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to complete major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Sec. 547.0452. ASSISTANCE FROM CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES. The following state agencies shall identify available resources, including funding, training, or technical assistance, to support and sustain peer-recovery organizations in this state:

(1) the Health and Human Services Commission;  
(2) the Department of State Health Services;  
(3) the Department of Family and Protective Services;  
(4) the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;

(5) the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;  
(6) the Texas Juvenile Justice Department; and  
(7) the Texas Veterans Commission.

Sec. 547.0453. BIENNIAL REPORT. Not later than August 1 of each even-numbered year, each state agency listed in Section 547.0452 shall prepare and submit a written report to the legislature describing and detailing the available resources the state agency has available to provide to peer-recovery organizations in this state.

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1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.