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TO: Honorable José Menéndez, Chair, House Committee On Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2392 by Menéndez (Relating to the mental health program for veterans.), As
Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code as it relates to the mental health program for veterans. Under the provisions of the bill, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) would be required to expand the agency's existing mental health intervention program for veterans to include specialized training for peer-to-peer counselors, veteran jail diversion services, and grants to regional and local organizations providing these services. Based on the analysis provided by DSHS and the Texas Veterans Commission, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources. Based on the analysis provided by the Texas Veterans Commission, it is assumed there is no fiscal impact to that agency.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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