

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Burkett, Alvarado, et al.

H.B. No. 1023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a task force to investigate and make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages.

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

SECTION 1. TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SHORTAGE.

(a) Not later than October 1, 2013, the Health and Human Services Commission, or a health and human services agency designated by the commission, shall establish a task force to investigate and make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages in this state.

(b) The task force shall investigate the existence, severity, and causes of mental health workforce shortages in this state. The investigation must specifically identify:

(1) the types of providers for which shortages exist, including types such as licensed professionals, certified peer specialists, and direct care staff;

(2) the types of licensed professionals, specialists, or staff for which shortages exist;

(3) the locations or regions in this state in which shortages exist and in which extraordinary shortages exist;

(4) the effect the shortages have on the ability of persons with mental illness to receive services in this state and in those locations or regions identified under Subdivision (3) of this subsection; and

1           (5) the economic and societal effect the shortages  
2 have in this state and in those locations or regions identified  
3 under Subdivision (3) of this subsection.

4           SECTION 2. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. Not later than  
5 December 1, 2014, the Health and Human Services Commission, or the  
6 health and human services agency designated by the commission under  
7 Section 1 of this Act, shall submit a report to the governor, the  
8 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
9 and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature that  
10 includes:

- 11           (1) the results of the task force's investigation; and  
12           (2) recommended means to alleviate identified mental  
13 health workforce shortages.

14           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
15 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members  
16 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
17 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
18 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

**ADOPTED**

MAY 22 2013

*Leta Stovall*  
Secretary of the Senate

BY: Burnett et al. Nelson

H.B. No. 1023

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1023:

BY: Jane Nelson

C.S. H.B. No. 1023

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2 relating to recommendations by the Health and Human Services  
3 Commission or a designated health and human services agency  
4 regarding mental health workforce shortages.

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

6 SECTION 1. RECOMMENDATIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE  
7 SHORTAGE. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission, or a  
8 health and human services agency designated by the commission,  
9 shall use existing information and data available through the  
10 commission, the Department of State Health Services, the statewide  
11 health coordinating council, and nongovernmental entities with  
12 expertise in mental health workforce issues to make recommendations  
13 regarding mental health workforce shortages in this state.

14 (b) Not later than September 1, 2014, the Health and Human  
15 Services Commission, or the health and human services agency  
16 designated by the commission, shall submit a report to the  
17 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
18 representatives, and the appropriate standing committees of the  
19 legislature that includes:

20 (1) specific recommendations to alleviate mental  
21 health workforce shortages in this state;

22 (2) an assessment of the feasibility of implementing  
23 each recommendation;

24 (3) the estimated costs and benefits of each

1 recommendation; and

2 (4) the specific legislative action, if any, needed to  
3 implement each recommendation.

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6 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas  
7 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for  
8 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1023** by Burkett (Relating to recommendations by the Health and Human Services Commission or a designated health and human services agency regarding mental health workforce shortages. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), or the delegated health and human services agency, to establish a task force to make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages in this state. The bill would require HHSC to submit a report by September 1, 2014, to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house, and the appropriate legislative committees with the results of the task force's investigations and recommendations. The bill would take effect immediately if a two-thirds majority vote in both houses of the Legislature is received; otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013. HHSC and DSHS indicate that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, CH, CL, NB

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 16, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1023** by Burkett (Relating to recommendations by the Health and Human Services Commission or a designated health and human services agency regarding mental health workforce shortages.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD  
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FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1023** by Burkett (Relating to the creation of a task force to investigate and make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages.), **As Engrossed**

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Based on the analysis provided by HHSC and the Department of State Health Services, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 25, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1023** by Burkett (Relating to the creation of a task force to investigate and make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages.), **As Introduced**

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