| **House Bill 2392**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| HOUSE VERSION | SENATE VERSION (CS) | CONFERENCE |
| SECTION 1. Section 1001.071, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:  Sec. 1001.071. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT RELATED TO HEALTH CARE. The department is responsible for administering human services programs regarding the public health, including:  (1) implementing the state's public health care delivery programs under the authority of the department;  (2) administering state health facilities, hospitals, and health care systems;  (3) developing and providing health care services, as directed by law;  (4) providing for the prevention and control of communicable diseases;  (5) providing public education on health-related matters, as directed by law;  (6) compiling and reporting health-related information, as directed by law;  (7) acting as the lead agency for implementation of state policies regarding the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and administering programs related to the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;  (8) investigating the causes of injuries and methods of prevention;  (9) administering a grant program to provide appropriated money to counties, municipalities, public health districts, and other political subdivisions for their use to provide or pay for essential public health services;  (10) administering the registration of vital statistics;  (11) licensing, inspecting, and enforcing regulations regarding health facilities, other than long-term care facilities regulated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services;  (12) implementing established standards and procedures for the management and control of sanitation and for health protection measures;  (13) enforcing regulations regarding radioactive materials;  (14) enforcing regulations regarding food, bottled and vended drinking water, drugs, cosmetics, and health devices;  (15) enforcing regulations regarding food service establishments, retail food stores, mobile food units, and roadside food vendors; [~~and~~]  (16) enforcing regulations controlling hazardous substances in households and workplaces; and  (17) implementing a mental health program for veterans. | SECTION 1. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 2. Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:  SUBCHAPTER H. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS  Sec. 1001.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:  (1) "Peer" means a person who is a veteran or a veteran's family member.  (2) "Veteran" means a person who:  (A) has served in:  (i) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;  (ii) the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code; or  (iii) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces; and  (B) has been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable from the branch of the service in which the person served.  (3) "Volunteer coordinator" means a person who recruits and retains veterans, peers, and volunteers to participate in the mental health program for veterans and related activities.  Sec. 1001.202. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The department shall develop a mental health intervention program for veterans. The program must include:  (1) peer-to-peer counseling;  (2) access to licensed mental health professionals for volunteer coordinators and peers;  (3) training approved by the department for peers;  (4) technical assistance for volunteer coordinators and peers;  (5) grants to regional and local organizations providing services under this subchapter;  (6) recruitment, retention, and screening of community-based therapists;  (7) suicide prevention training for volunteer coordinators and peers; and  (8) veteran jail diversion services, including veterans courts.  (b) The department shall solicit and ensure that specialized training is provided to persons who are peers and who want to provide peer-to-peer counseling or other peer-to-peer services under the program.  (c) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.  Sec. 1001.203. GRANTS. (a) The department shall establish a grant program through which the department may award grants to regional and local organizations for the delivery of programs or services described by this subchapter.  (b) A grant awarded under this section must:  (1) emphasize direct services to veterans provided by peers;  (2) leverage additional local resources to provide funding for programs or services for veterans; and  (3) increase the capacity of the mental health program for veterans.  (c) A grant awarded under this section may not be used to supplant existing expenditures associated with programs or services within the department.  Sec. 1001.204. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature that includes:  (1) the number of veterans who received services through the mental health program for veterans;  (2) the number of peers and volunteer coordinators trained;  (3) a summary of the grants awarded and services provided through those grants;  (4) an evaluation of the services provided under this subchapter; and  (5) recommendations for program improvements. | SECTION 2. Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:  SUBCHAPTER H. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS  Sec. 1001.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:  (1) "Peer" means a person who is a veteran or a veteran's family member.  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| SECTION 3. Section 1001.076, Health and Safety Code, is repealed. | SECTION 3. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2014, the Department of State Health Services shall modify the mental health intervention program for veterans as required by Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act. | SECTION 4. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013. | SECTION 5. Same as House version. |  |