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H.B. No. 3404

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study on providing care to veterans with
3 post-traumatic stress disorder.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Health and Human Services Commission
6 shall conduct a study on the benefits of providing integrated care
7 to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. To conduct the
8 study, the Health and Human Services Commission may coordinate with
9 a university and medical school with expertise in behavioral health
10 or post-traumatic stress disorder. The study must evaluate the
11 benefits of:

12 (1) using a standardized comprehensive trauma and
13 post-traumatic stress disorder assessment to identify and target
14 evidence-based treatment services to provide integrated care for
15 veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder; and

16 (2) involving family members in the treatment of a
17 veteran diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

18 (b) Not later than December 1, 2016, the Health and Human
19 Services Commission shall submit a report containing the results of
20 the study conducted under Subsection (a) of this section to the
21 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
22 representatives. The report must include the number of people
23 served and the type of integrated care provided through the study.

24 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2017.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.