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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. The Health and  
8 Human Services Commission may coordinate with a university with  
9 expertise in behavioral health or post-traumatic stress disorder.  
10 The study must evaluate the benefits of:

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

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

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

23 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2019.

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