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H.B. No. 3474

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to issues affecting counties and political subdivisions  
3 within counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "task force" means the Task  
6 Force to Study Population Growth in Texas established under this  
7 section.

8 (b) The Task Force to Study Population Growth in Texas is  
9 established for the purposes of assessing the effects of population  
10 growth on counties in this state relating to:

- 11 (1) housing;
- 12 (2) businesses;
- 13 (3) available land resources;
- 14 (4) the state's economy;
- 15 (5) health care services; and
- 16 (6) county jails.

17 (c) The task force is composed of the following nine  
18 members:

- 19 (1) three state or local officials appointed by the  
20 governor;
- 21 (2) three state or local officials appointed by the  
22 lieutenant governor; and
- 23 (3) three state or local officials appointed by the  
24 speaker of the house of representatives.

1           (d) The members of the task force shall elect a presiding  
2 officer from among the membership.

3           (e) The offices of the governor, lieutenant governor, and  
4 speaker of the house of representatives shall provide staff support  
5 to the task force.

6           (f) The task force shall hold public hearings to achieve the  
7 purposes described by Subsection (b) of this section.

8           (g) A member of the task force is not entitled to receive  
9 compensation for service on the task force but is entitled to  
10 reimbursement of the travel expenses incurred by the member while  
11 conducting the business of the task force.

12           (h) The task force may accept gifts and grants from any  
13 source to be used to carry out a function of the task force.

14           (i) Not later than November 1, 2016, the task force shall  
15 submit a final report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the  
16 speaker of the house of representatives, and the appropriate  
17 standing committees of the legislature. The report shall include a  
18 summary and analysis of:

- 19                   (1) hearings and studies conducted by the task force;  
20                   (2) legislation proposed by the task force; and  
21                   (3) other findings and recommendations made by the  
22 task force.

23           (j) Not later than December 1, 2015, the governor, the  
24 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of  
25 representatives shall make the appointments to the task force as  
26 described under Subsection (c) of this section.

27           (k) The task force is abolished and this section expires

1 August 31, 2017.

2 SECTION 2. Section [1001.201](#), Health and Safety Code, as  
3 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
4 Regular Session, 2013, is amended by adding Subdivisions (4) and  
5 (5) to read as follows:

6 (4) "School district employee" means a person employed  
7 by a school district who regularly interacts with students through  
8 the course of the person's duties, including an educator, a  
9 secretary, a school bus driver, or a cafeteria worker.

10 (5) "School resource officer" has the meaning assigned  
11 by Section [1701.601](#), Occupations Code.

12 SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety  
13 Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd  
14 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended by adding Section  
15 1001.2015 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 1001.2015. LIMITATION ON GRANTS. For each state  
17 fiscal year, the department may give to a local mental health  
18 authority in the form of grants under Sections [1001.202](#) and  
19 [1001.203](#) an amount that may not exceed the lesser of:

20 (1) three percent of the total amount appropriated to  
21 the department for making grants under those sections; or

22 (2) \$70,000.

23 SECTION 4. Section [1001.202](#)(b), Health and Safety Code, as  
24 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
25 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

26 (b) The [~~Except as provided by Subsection (c), the~~]  
27 department shall make each grant to a local mental health authority

1 under this section in an amount equal to \$1,000 times the number of  
2 employees or contractors of the authority whose training as mental  
3 health first aid trainers will be paid by the grant.

4 SECTION 5. Sections 1001.203(a) and (c), Health and Safety  
5 Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department  
8 for that purpose, the department shall make grants to local mental  
9 health authorities to provide an approved mental health first aid  
10 training program, administered by mental health first aid trainers,  
11 at no cost to school district employees and school resource  
12 officers [~~educators~~].

13 (c) ~~The~~ [~~Subject to the limit provided by Subsection (b),~~  
14 ~~out of the funds appropriated to the department for making grants~~  
15 ~~under this section, the~~] department shall grant \$100 to a local  
16 mental health authority for each school district employee or school  
17 resource officer [~~educator~~] who successfully completes a mental  
18 health first aid training program provided by the authority under  
19 this section.

20 SECTION 6. Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety  
21 Code, as added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd  
22 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended by adding Section  
23 1001.2031 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 1001.2031. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR TRAINING CERTAIN  
25 EDUCATORS IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID. For each state fiscal year,  
26 the department may allocate any unobligated money appropriated for  
27 making grants under Sections 1001.202 and 1001.203 for supplemental

1 grants. The department may give a supplemental grant to a local  
2 mental health authority that submits to the department a revised  
3 plan as provided under Section 1001.204 that demonstrates how the  
4 additional grant money would be used if made available to the  
5 authority.

6 SECTION 7. Section 1001.204(a), Health and Safety Code, as  
7 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
8 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

9 (a) Not later than July [~~October~~] 1 of each state fiscal  
10 year for which a local mental health authority will seek a grant  
11 from the department under Section 1001.203, the authority shall  
12 submit to the department a plan demonstrating the manner in which  
13 grants made to the authority under that section will be used:

14 (1) to train individuals in mental health first aid  
15 throughout the authority's local service area to maximize the  
16 number of children who have direct contact with an individual who  
17 has successfully completed a mental health first aid training  
18 program provided by the authority;

19 (2) to meet the greatest needs of the authority's local  
20 service area, as identified by the authority; and

21 (3) to complement existing resources and not duplicate  
22 established mental health first aid training efforts.

23 SECTION 8. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, as  
24 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
25 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than September 30  
27 [~~July 1~~] of each year, a local mental health authority shall provide

1 to the department the number of:

2 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who  
3 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section  
4 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year;

5 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
6 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
7 health first aid training program offered by the authority under  
8 Section 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal [~~calendar~~] year; and

9 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
10 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
11 health first aid training program offered by the authority during  
12 the preceding fiscal [~~calendar~~] year.

13 (b) Not later than December 1 [~~August 1~~] of each year, the  
14 department shall compile the information submitted by local mental  
15 health authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a  
16 report to the legislature containing the number of:

17 (1) authority employees and contractors trained as  
18 mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year;

19 (2) educators, school district employees other than  
20 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental  
21 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
22 the preceding fiscal [~~calendar~~] year; and

23 (3) individuals who are not school district employees  
24 or school resource officers [~~educators~~] who completed a mental  
25 health first aid training program provided by an authority during  
26 the preceding fiscal [~~calendar~~] year.

27 SECTION 9. Section 21.044(c-1), Education Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (c-1) Any minimum academic qualifications for a certificate  
3 specified under Subsection (a) that require a person to possess a  
4 bachelor's degree must also require that the person receive, as  
5 part of the training required to obtain that certificate,  
6 instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth  
7 suicide. The instruction required must be provided through a  
8 program selected from the list of recommended best practice-based  
9 programs established under Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code  
10 ~~[in detection of students with mental or emotional disorders].~~

11 SECTION 10. The following are repealed:

12 (1) Section 21.044(c-2), Education Code;

13 (2) Section 1001.202(c), Health and Safety Code, as  
14 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
15 Regular Session, 2013;

16 (3) Section 1001.203(b), Health and Safety Code, as  
17 added by Chapter 1306 (H.B. 3793), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
18 Regular Session, 2013; and

19 (4) Section 250.006(b), Local Government Code.

20 SECTION 11. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.