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H.B. No. 2571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to establishment of a research and clinical care center  
3 for combat-related posttraumatic stress disorder and related  
4 conditions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 74, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 74.155 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 74.155. NATIONAL CENTER FOR WARRIOR RESILIENCY.(a)  
9 In this section, "PTSD" means posttraumatic stress disorder and  
10 related conditions.

11 (b) The University of Texas Health Science Center at San  
12 Antonio shall establish and maintain the National Center for  
13 Warrior Resiliency, a center devoted to research and clinical care  
14 regarding:

15 (1) the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and  
16 treatment of combat-related PTSD and comorbid conditions; and

17 (2) enhancing the psychological resiliency of  
18 military personnel and veterans.

19 (c) The center shall foster multi-disciplinary and multi-  
20 institutional research collaborations, and for that purpose may  
21 establish or participate in research consortia with other Texas  
22 and national public and private institutions of higher education  
23 and appropriate federal agencies such as the United States  
24 Veterans Administration, the United States Department of Defense,

1 and the National Institutes of Health.

2 (d) The health science center shall seek funding for center  
3 operations through gifts, grants, donations, including sponsored  
4 research.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 the vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.