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H.B. No. 2897

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the mental health first aid program training and
3 reporting.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than September 30
8 of each year, a local mental health authority shall provide to the
9 department the number of:

10 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who
11 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section
12 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year, the number of trainers
13 who left the program for any reason during the preceding fiscal
14 year, and the number of active trainers;

15 (2) educators, school district employees other than
16 educators, and school resource officers who completed a mental
17 health first aid training program offered by the authority under
18 Section 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal year categorized by
19 local mental health authority region, school district, and category
20 of personnel; and

21 (3) individuals who are not school district employees
22 or school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid
23 training program offered by the authority during the preceding
24 fiscal year.

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

5 (1) the number of authority employees and contractors
6 trained as mental health first aid trainers during the preceding
7 fiscal year, the number of trainers who left the program for any
8 reason during the preceding fiscal year, and the number of active
9 trainers;

10 (2) the number of educators, school district employees
11 other than educators, and school resource officers who completed a
12 mental health first aid training program provided by an authority
13 during the preceding fiscal year categorized by local mental health
14 authority region, school district, and category of personnel; [~~and~~]

15 (3) the number of individuals who are not school
16 district employees or school resource officers who completed a
17 mental health first aid training program provided by an authority
18 during the preceding fiscal year; and

19 (4) a detailed accounting of expenditures of money
20 appropriated for the purpose of implementing this subchapter.

21 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety
22 Code, is amended by adding Section 1001.207 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 1001.207. PROGRAM PROMOTION. (a) The commission shall
24 make available on its official Internet website information about
25 the Mental Health First Aid Training Program for the purpose of
26 promoting public awareness of the program. An electronic link to an
27 outside source of information is not sufficient.

1 (b) The Texas Education Agency shall make available on its
2 official Internet website information about the Mental Health First
3 Aid Training Program for the purpose of promoting public awareness
4 of the program. An electronic link to an outside source of
5 information is not sufficient.

6 SECTION 3. (a) Section 1001.205(a), Health and Safety Code,
7 as amended by this Act, applies only to a report due under that
8 section after September 30, 2017. A report due under that section
9 before that date is governed by the law in effect immediately before
10 the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect
11 for that purpose.

12 (b) Section 1001.205(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended
13 by this Act, applies only to a report due under that section after
14 December 1, 2017. A report due under that section before that date
15 is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective
16 date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that
17 purpose.

18 SECTION 4. Not later than December 1, 2017, the Health and
19 Human Services Commission and the Texas Education Agency shall
20 update their Internet websites to include the information required
21 by Section 1001.207, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.