

By: Rodríguez, Zaffirini

S.B. No. 1533

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1001.201, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

(6) "University employee" means a person employed by a public or private institution of higher education who regularly interacts with students enrolled at the university through the course of the person's duties.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 1001.203, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.203. GRANTS FOR TRAINING CERTAIN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ~~[EDUCATORS]~~ IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

SECTION 3. Sections 1001.203(a), (c), and (e), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to local mental health authorities to provide an approved mental health first aid training program, administered by mental health first aid trainers, at no cost to university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers.

(c) The department shall grant \$100 to a local mental health

1 authority for each university employee, school district employee,
2 or school resource officer who successfully completes a mental
3 health first aid training program provided by the authority under
4 this section.

5 (e) A local mental health authority may contract with a
6 regional education service center to provide a mental health first
7 aid training program to university employees, school district
8 employees, and school resource officers [~~educators~~] under this
9 section.

10 SECTION 4. The heading to Section [1001.2031](#), Health and
11 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 1001.2031. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR TRAINING CERTAIN
13 UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, AND SCHOOL
14 RESOURCE OFFICERS [~~EDUCATORS~~] IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

15 SECTION 5. Section [1001.205](#), Health and Safety Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

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

20 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who
21 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section
22 [1001.202](#) during the preceding fiscal year;

23 (2) university employees [~~educators~~], school district
24 employees [~~other than educators~~], and school resource officers who
25 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the
26 authority under Section [1001.203](#) during the preceding fiscal year;
27 and

1 (3) individuals who are not university employees,
2 school district employees, or school resource officers who
3 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the
4 authority during the preceding fiscal year.

5 (b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department
6 shall compile the information submitted by local mental health
7 authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a report to the
8 legislature containing the number of:

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

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

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

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