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H.B. No. 4513

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to employing and training mental health professionals for
3 the mental health program for veterans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 434.352(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the
8 commission shall:

9 (1) provide training to peer service coordinators and
10 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

11 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service
12 coordinators and peers;

13 (3) identify, train, and communicate with
14 community-based licensed mental health professionals,
15 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

16 [~~and~~]

17 (4) coordinate services for justice involved
18 veterans; and

19 (5) employ and train mental health professionals to
20 assist the Department of State Health Services in the
21 administration of the program.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.