

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 19

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain
3 school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Subchapter E to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER E. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE RESOURCES FOR

8 SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

9 Sec. 8.151. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "local mental
10 health authority" and "non-physician mental health professional"
11 have the meanings assigned by Section 571.003, Health and Safety
12 Code.

13 Sec. 8.152. EMPLOYMENT OF NON-PHYSICIAN MENTAL HEALTH
14 PROFESSIONAL AS MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE RESOURCE. (a) A
15 local mental health authority shall employ a non-physician mental
16 health professional to serve as a mental health and substance use
17 resource for school districts located in the region served by a
18 regional education service center and in which the local mental
19 health authority provides services.

20 (b) If two or more local mental health authorities provide
21 services in a region served by a regional education service center,
22 the local mental health authority that primarily operates in the
23 county in which the center is located shall employ the
24 non-physician mental health professional and, in making any hiring

1 decision, consult with other local mental health authorities
2 providing services in that region.

3 Sec. 8.153. INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION; MEMORANDUM OF
4 UNDERSTANDING. (a) A local mental health authority that employs a
5 non-physician mental health professional under Section 8.152 and
6 the regional education service center shall collaborate in carrying
7 out this subchapter.

8 (b) Each regional education service center shall provide
9 for a non-physician mental health professional employed for the
10 region served by the center with a space for the professional to
11 carry out the professional's duties under Section 8.155. The local
12 mental health authority that employs the professional shall pay the
13 center a reasonable administrative cost for providing the space.

14 (c) A local mental health authority and a regional education
15 service center may enter into a memorandum of understanding for the
16 administration of this section.

17 Sec. 8.154. SUPERVISION OF NON-PHYSICIAN MENTAL HEALTH
18 PROFESSIONAL. The local mental health authority that employs a
19 non-physician mental health professional under Section 8.152
20 shall:

21 (1) supervise the professional in carrying out the
22 professional's duties under Section 8.155; and

23 (2) consult with any other local mental health
24 authorities in the region in supervising the professional.

25 Sec. 8.155. DUTIES OF NON-PHYSICIAN MENTAL HEALTH
26 PROFESSIONAL. (a) A non-physician mental health professional
27 employed under Section 8.152 shall act as a resource for school

1 district personnel by:

2 (1) helping personnel gain awareness and a better
3 understanding of mental health and co-occurring mental health and
4 substance use disorders;

5 (2) assisting personnel to implement initiatives
6 related to mental health or substance use under state law or agency
7 rules;

8 (3) ensuring personnel are aware of:

9 (A) the list of recommended best practice-based
10 programs and research-based practices developed under Section
11 161.325, Health and Safety Code; and

12 (B) other treatment programs available in the
13 school district, including evidence-based programs provided by a
14 local mental health authority and other public or private mental
15 health providers;

16 (4) on a monthly basis, facilitating mental health
17 first aid training;

18 (5) on a monthly basis, facilitating training
19 regarding the effects of grief and trauma and providing support to
20 children with intellectual or developmental disabilities who
21 suffer from grief or trauma; and

22 (6) on a monthly basis, facilitating training on
23 prevention and intervention programs that have been shown to be
24 effective in helping students cope with pressures to:

25 (A) use alcohol, cigarettes, or illegal drugs; or

26 (B) misuse prescription drugs.

27 (b) A non-physician mental health professional employed

1 under Section 8.152 may not treat or provide counseling to a student
2 or provide specific advice to school district personnel regarding a
3 student.

4 Sec. 8.156. PARTICIPATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOT REQUIRED.
5 This subchapter does not require a school district to participate
6 in training provided by a non-physician mental health professional
7 or otherwise use the professional as a resource.

8 Sec. 8.157. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING. A state agency to
9 which money is appropriated to carry out this subchapter shall
10 ensure that the money is distributed equally among the local mental
11 health authorities that employ and supervise non-physician mental
12 health professionals under this subchapter.

13 Sec. 8.158. REPORT. (a) Before the last business day of
14 each calendar year, each local mental health authority that employs
15 and supervises a non-physician mental health professional under
16 this subchapter shall prepare and submit a report to the Health and
17 Human Services Commission regarding the outcomes for school
18 districts and students resulting from services provided by the
19 non-physician mental health professional.

20 (b) Not later than January 31 of the following calendar
21 year, the Health and Human Services Commission shall compile the
22 information submitted under this section and prepare and submit a
23 report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
24 representatives, each standing committee of the legislature having
25 primary jurisdiction over mental health, and each standing
26 committee of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over
27 public education.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 17 2019

Leta Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

By: Price / Watson _____ .B. No. _____

Substitute the following for _____ .B. No. _____ :

By: Chal Perry _____ C.S. H. .B. No. 19 _____

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17 resource for school districts located in the region served by a
18 regional education service center and in which the local mental
19 health authority provides services.

20 (b) If two or more local mental health authorities provide
21 services in a region served by a regional education service center,
22 the local mental health authority that primarily operates in the
23 county in which the center is located shall:

24 (1) employ the non-physician mental health

1 professional;

2 (2) in making a hiring decision, consult with other
3 local mental health authorities providing services in that region;
4 and

5 (3) before making the final hiring decision, consult
6 with the center.

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10 the regional education service center shall collaborate in carrying
11 out this subchapter.

12 (b) Each regional education service center shall provide
13 for a non-physician mental health professional employed for the
14 region served by the center with a space for the professional to
15 carry out the professional's duties under Section 8.155. The local
16 mental health authority that employs the professional shall pay the
17 center a reasonable, negotiated cost-recovery fee for providing the
18 space and administrative support as outlined in the memorandum of
19 understanding entered into under Subsection (c). The cost-recovery
20 fee may not exceed \$15,000 per year unless the local mental health
21 authority and center agree to a higher amount.

22 (c) A local mental health authority and a regional education
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24 the administration of this section.

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1 shall:

2 (1) supervise the professional in carrying out the
3 professional's duties under Section 8.155; and

4 (2) consult with any other local mental health
5 authorities in the region and the regional education service center
6 for input on supervising the professional.

7 Sec. 8.155. DUTIES OF NON-PHYSICIAN MENTAL HEALTH

8 PROFESSIONAL. (a) A non-physician mental health professional
9 employed under Section 8.152 shall, to the greatest extent
10 possible, work collaboratively with the regional education service
11 center and shall act as a resource for the center and school
12 district personnel by:

13 (1) helping personnel gain awareness and a better
14 understanding of mental health and co-occurring mental health and
15 substance use disorders;

16 (2) assisting personnel to implement initiatives
17 related to mental health or substance use under state law or agency
18 rules, interagency memorandums of understanding, and related
19 programs;

20 (3) ensuring personnel are aware of:

21 (A) the list of recommended best practice-based
22 programs and research-based practices developed under Section
23 161.325, Health and Safety Code;

24 (B) other public and private mental health and
25 substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery programs
26 available in the school district, including evidence-based
27 programs provided by a local mental health authority and other

1 public or private mental health providers; and

2 (C) other available public and private mental
3 health and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery
4 program resources administered by the local mental health authority
5 or the Health and Human Services Commission to support school
6 districts, students, and families;

7 (4) on a monthly basis, facilitating mental health
8 first aid training;

9 (5) on a monthly basis, facilitating training
10 regarding the effects of grief and trauma and providing support to
11 children with intellectual or developmental disabilities who
12 suffer from grief or trauma; and

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15 effective in helping students cope with pressures to:

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11 (b) Not later than January 31 of the following calendar
12 year, the Health and Human Services Commission shall compile the
13 information submitted under this section and prepare and submit a
14 report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
15 representatives, each standing committee of the legislature having
16 primary jurisdiction over mental health, each standing committee of
17 the legislature having primary jurisdiction over public education,
18 and the agency. Before submitting the report under this
19 subsection, the commission shall provide the agency a reasonable
20 opportunity to review and provide input on the contents of the
21 report.

22 SECTION 2. A local mental health authority is required to
23 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
24 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the
25 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
26 purpose, a local mental health authority may, but is not required
27 to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations

1 available for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 17, 2019

TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB19 by Price (Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB19, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of (\$4,600,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

Local mental health authorities would be required to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the authorities may, but would not be required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill requires the provision of 20 non-physician mental health professionals, one per education service center (ESC) region, by local mental health authorities (LMHA). The non-physician mental health professional will serve as a resource in the following areas: awareness/understanding of mental health and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders; implementing initiatives related to mental health or substance use under state law/agency rule; making aware of the list of best practice programs developed under Section 161.325, Health and Safety Code; other treatment programs available; providing Mental Health First Aid training and training on prevention and intervention programs helping students cope with pressures to use alcohol, cigarettes, illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs; providing annual training on the effects of grief and trauma and providing support to children with intellectual or developmental disabilities who suffer from grief or trauma. These professionals may not treat or provide counseling to students or provide specific advice to a district regarding a student.

The bill requires HHSC to annually compile reports from LMHAs and prepare a report to the legislature regarding program outcomes.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$2,300,000)

2021	(\$2,300,000)
2022	(\$2,300,000)
2023	(\$2,300,000)
2024	(\$2,300,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

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2020	(\$2,300,000)
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Fiscal Analysis

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Methodology

This analysis assumes that LMHAs would hire one additional non-physician mental health professional for each of the 20 Education Service Centers. The Texas Council of Community Centers estimates an annual average salary, benefits and expenses of approximately \$115,600 per ESC. This analysis assumes that the cost of these additional employees would be appropriated to HHSC and then distributed to the local entities. The total cost estimate is \$2.3 million per fiscal year (\$115,600 * 20). These FTEs are not reflected in the summary tables above because they would be employed by local, rather than state entities.

Technology

No significant technology requirements are anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Additional costs could result from unappropriated expenses for employees hired by LHMA and program costs, including: additional tracking, coordinating, data collection and annual program reporting.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: WP, SD, AKi, THo, AM, SB, SL

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2019

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB19 by Price (Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Agency

LBB Staff: WP, AKi, THo, AM, SB, SL

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 22, 2019

TO: Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB19 by Price (Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.), **As Engrossed**

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LBB Staff: WP, AKi, AM, SB, SL

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 28, 2019

TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB19 by Price (Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 12, 2019

TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB19 by Price (Relating to mental health and substance use resources for certain school districts.), **As Introduced**

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