

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 906

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to  
study certain public school mental health services.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding  
Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. COLLABORATIVE TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC SCHOOL MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES

Sec. 38.301. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning  
assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Task force" means the Collaborative Task Force on  
Public School Mental Health Services.

Sec. 38.302. ESTABLISHMENT. The Collaborative Task Force  
on Public School Mental Health Services is established to study and  
evaluate:

(1) mental health services that are funded by this  
state and provided at a school district or open-enrollment charter  
school directly to:

(A) a student enrolled in the district or school;  
(B) a parent or family member of or person  
standing in parental relation to a student enrolled in the district  
or school; or

(C) an employee of the district or school;

1           (2) training provided to an educator employed by the  
2 district or school to provide the mental health services described  
3 by Subdivision (1); and

4           (3) the impact the mental health services described by  
5 Subdivision (1) have on:

6                 (A) the physical and emotional safety and  
7 well-being of the individuals who are provided the mental health  
8 services described by Subdivision (1);

9                 (B) the number of violent incidents that occur at  
10 school districts or open-enrollment charter schools;

11                (C) the suicide rate of the individuals who are  
12 provided the mental health services described by Subdivision (1);

13                (D) the number of referrals to the Department of  
14 Family and Protective Services for investigation services  
15 regarding the students described by Subdivision (1)(A); and

16                (E) the number of individuals who are transported  
17 from each school district or open-enrollment charter school for an  
18 emergency detention under Chapter 573, Health and Safety Code.

19           Sec. 38.303. MEMBERSHIP. (a) The task force is composed  
20 of:

21                (1) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

22                (2) the following additional members appointed by the  
23 commissioner:

24                (A) three parents of students who are enrolled in  
25 school districts or open-enrollment charter schools and receive the  
26 mental health services described by Section 38.302(1);

27                (B) one person who provides the mental health

services described by Section 38.302(1) or the training described by Section 38.302(2) and who is:

(i) a licensed professional counselor, as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code;

(ii) a licensed clinical social worker, as defined by Section 505.002, Occupations Code; or

(iii) a school counselor certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21;

(C) one person who is a psychiatrist;

(D) two persons who are administrators of districts or schools that provide the mental health services described by Section 38.302(1) or the training described by Section 38.302(2);

(E) one person who is a member of a foundation that invests in the mental health services described by Section 38.302(1) or the training described by Section 38.302(2);

(F) one person who is an employee of an institution of higher education designated under Section 38.307; and

(G) one person who is a licensed specialist in school psychology, as defined by Section 501.002, Occupations Code; and

(3) for any other entity the task force considers necessary, one person appointed by the task force for each such entity.

(b) Appointments to the task force shall be made without regard to the race, color, disability, sex, religion, age, or

1 national origin of the appointee.

2 (c) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the  
3 task force.

4 Sec. 38.304. OFFICERS. (a) The commissioner is designated  
5 as the interim presiding officer for purposes of calling and  
6 conducting the initial meeting of the task force.

7 (b) The task force:

8 (1) shall at its initial meeting select a presiding  
9 officer from among its members for the purpose of calling and  
10 conducting meetings; and

11 (2) may select an assistant presiding officer and a  
12 secretary from among its members.

13 Sec. 38.305. COMPENSATION; REIMBURSEMENT. A member of the  
14 task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for  
15 service on the task force.

16 Sec. 38.306. MEETINGS. (a) After its initial meeting, the  
17 task force shall meet at least twice each year at a time and place  
18 determined by the presiding officer.

19 (b) The task force may meet at other times the task force  
20 considers appropriate. The presiding officer may call a meeting on  
21 the officer's own motion.

22 (c) The task force may meet by teleconference.

23 Sec. 38.307. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR TASK FORCE. (a) The  
24 commissioner shall designate one institution of higher education  
25 with experience in evaluating mental health services to serve as  
26 the lead institution for the task force. The institution  
27 designated under this subsection shall provide faculty, staff, and

1 administrative support services to the task force as determined  
2 necessary by the task force to administer this subchapter.

3 (b) The commissioner shall designate two institutions of  
4 higher education with experience in evaluating mental health  
5 services to assist the task force and the lead institution  
6 designated under Subsection (a) as determined necessary by the task  
7 force to administer this subchapter.

8 (c) In making a designation under this section, the  
9 commissioner shall give preference to at least one predominantly  
10 black institution, as defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1067q(c)(9).

11 (d) On request of the task force, the agency, a school  
12 district, or an open-enrollment charter school shall provide  
13 information or other assistance to the task force.

14 Sec. 38.308. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall:

15 (1) gather data on:

16 (A) the number of students enrolled in each  
17 school district and open-enrollment charter school;

18 (B) the number of individuals to whom each school  
19 district or open-enrollment charter school provides the mental  
20 health services described by Section 38.302(1);

21 (C) the number of individuals for whom each  
22 school district or open-enrollment charter school has the resources  
23 to provide the mental health services described by Section  
24 38.302(1);

25 (D) the number of individuals described by  
26 Paragraph (B) who are referred to an inpatient or outpatient mental  
27 health provider;

1                   (E) the number of individuals who are transported  
2 from each school district or open-enrollment charter school for an  
3 emergency detention under Chapter 573, Health and Safety Code; and

4                   (F) the race, ethnicity, gender, special  
5 education status, educationally disadvantaged status, and  
6 geographic location of:

7                   (i) individuals who are provided the mental  
8 health services described by Section 38.302(1);

9                   (ii) individuals who are described by  
10 Paragraph (D); and

11                   (iii) individuals who are described by  
12 Paragraph (E); and

13                   (2) study, evaluate, and make recommendations  
14 regarding the mental health services described by Section  
15 38.302(1), the training described by Section 38.302(2), and the  
16 impact of those mental health services, as described by Section  
17 38.302(3), including addressing:

18                   (A) the outcomes and the effectiveness of the  
19 services and training provided, including the outcomes and  
20 effectiveness of the service and training providers and the  
21 programs under which services and training are provided, in:

22                   (i) improving student academic achievement  
23 and attendance;

24                   (ii) reducing student disciplinary  
25 proceedings, suspensions, placements in a disciplinary alternative  
26 education program, and expulsions;

27                   (iii) providing prevention and

intervention services to promote early mental health;

(iv) building skills relating to managing emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and making responsible decisions;

(v) preventing substance abuse;

(vi) preventing suicides;

(vii) adhering to the purpose of the relevant program services or training;

(viii) promoting trauma-informed practices;

(ix) promoting a positive school climate, as defined by Section 161.325(a-3), Health and Safety Code, in the district or school; and

(x) improving physical and emotional safety and well-being in the district or school and reducing violence in the district or school;

(B) best practices for districts and schools in implementing the services or training;

(C) disparities in the race, ethnicity, gender, special education status, and geographic location of individuals receiving the services; and

(D) best practices to replicate the services or training for all districts and schools.

Sec. 38.3081. PRIVACY OF INFORMATION. The task force shall ensure that data gathered, information studied, and evaluations conducted under this chapter comply with federal law regarding confidentiality of student medical or educational information,

1 including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
2 of 1996 (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.) and the Family Educational  
3 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g), and any  
4 state law relating to the privacy of student information.

5 Sec. 38.309. REPORTS. Not later than November 1 of each  
6 even-numbered year, the task force shall submit to the governor,  
7 the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
8 representatives, and the agency a report of the results of the task  
9 force's activities conducted under Section 38.308 and any  
10 recommendations for legislative or other action.

11 Sec. 38.310. FUNDING; ADMINISTRATIVE COST RESTRICTION;  
12 GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) Of state funds allocated to the agency for  
13 public school mental health services, the commissioner may provide  
14 not more than 10 percent for purposes of the task force established  
15 under this subchapter.

16 (b) The task force may not spend for the administration of  
17 the task force more than 10 percent of any money allocated to the  
18 task force for the purpose of this subchapter.

19 (c) The task force may accept a gift or grant from a private  
20 individual, a foundation, or the federal government.

21 Sec. 38.311. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and  
22 this subchapter expires December 1, 2025.

23 SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2019, the commissioner  
24 of education shall:

25 (1) appoint the members of the Collaborative Task  
26 Force on Public School Mental Health Services that are to be  
27 appointed by the commissioner, as required by Section 38.303,



1 Education Code, as added by this Act; and

2           (2) designate the institutions of higher education to  
3 provide support services, as required by Section 38.307, Education  
4 Code, as added by this Act.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a 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, 2019.

ADOPTED

MAY 16 2019

*Leta Spaul*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Beverly Powell*

\_\_\_\_.B. No. \_\_\_\_

Substitute the following for \_\_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_:

By: *Beverly Powell*

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23 or school; or

24 (C) an employee of the district or school;

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10                   (C) the number of public school students referred  
11 to the Department of Family and Protective Services for  
12 investigation services and the reasons for those referrals;

13                   (D) the number of individuals who are transported  
14 from each school district or open-enrollment charter school for an  
15 emergency detention under Chapter 573, Health and Safety Code; and

16                   (E) the number of public school students referred  
17 to outside counselors in accordance with Section 38.010.

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7 Subchapter B, Chapter 21;

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8 commissioner shall give preference to at least one predominantly  
9 black institution, as defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1067q(c)(9).

10 (d) On request of the task force, the agency, a school  
11 district, or an open-enrollment charter school shall provide  
12 information or other assistance to the task force.

13 (e) The agency shall maintain the data collected by the task  
14 force and the work product of the task force in accordance with:

15 (1) the agency's information security plan under  
16 Section 2054.133, Government Code; and

17 (2) the agency's records retention schedule under  
18 Section 441.185, Government Code.

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26 (C) the number of individuals for whom each  
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5 health provider;

6 (E) the number of individuals who are transported  
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8 emergency detention under Chapter 573, Health and Safety Code; and

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10 education status, educationally disadvantaged status, and  
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14 (ii) individuals who are described by  
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16 (iii) individuals who are described by  
17 Paragraph (E); and

18 (2) study, evaluate, and make recommendations  
19 regarding the mental health services described by Section  
20 38.302(1), the training described by Section 38.302(2), and the  
21 impact of those mental health services, as described by Section  
22 38.302(3), including addressing:

23 (A) the outcomes and the effectiveness of the  
24 services and training provided, including the outcomes and  
25 effectiveness of the service and training providers and the  
26 programs under which services and training are provided, in:

27 (i) improving student academic achievement

1 and attendance;  
2 (ii) reducing student disciplinary  
3 proceedings, suspensions, placements in a disciplinary alternative  
4 education program, and expulsions; and  
5 (iii) delivering prevention and  
6 intervention services to promote early mental health skills,  
7 including:  
8 (a) building skills relating to  
9 managing emotions, establishing and maintaining positive  
10 relationships, and making responsible decisions;  
11 (b) preventing substance abuse;  
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13 (d) adhering to the purpose of the  
14 relevant program services or training;  
15 (e) promoting trauma-informed  
16 practices;  
17 (f) promoting a positive school  
18 climate, as defined by Section 161.325(a-3), Health and Safety  
19 Code, in the district or school; and  
20 (g) improving physical and emotional  
21 safety and well-being in the district or school and reducing  
22 violence in the district or school;  
23 (B) best practices for districts and schools in  
24 implementing the services or training;  
25 (C) disparities in the race, ethnicity, gender,  
26 special education status, and geographic location of individuals  
27 receiving the services; and



1                   (D) best practices to replicate the services or  
2 training for all districts and schools.

3           Sec. 38.309. PRIVACY OF INFORMATION. The task force shall  
4 ensure that data gathered, information studied, and evaluations  
5 conducted under this subchapter:

6                   (1) comply with federal law regarding confidentiality  
7 of student medical or educational information, including the Health  
8 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.  
9 Section 1320d et seq.) and the Family Educational Rights and  
10 Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g), and any state law  
11 relating to the privacy of student information; and

12                   (2) may not be shared with a federal agency or state  
13 agency, including an institution of higher education, except as  
14 otherwise provided by this subchapter or other law.

15           Sec. 38.310. REPORTS. Not later than November 1 of each  
16 even-numbered year, the task force shall submit to the governor,  
17 the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
18 representatives, and the agency a report of the results of the task  
19 force's activities conducted under Section 38.308 and any  
20 recommendations for legislative or other action.

21           Sec. 38.311. FUNDING; ADMINISTRATIVE COST RESTRICTION;  
22 GIFTS AND GRANTS. (a) Of state funds allocated to the agency for  
23 public school mental health services, the commissioner may provide  
24 not more than 10 percent for purposes of the task force established  
25 under this subchapter.

26                   (b) The task force may not spend for the administration of  
27 the task force more than 10 percent of any money allocated to the

1 task force for the purposes of this subchapter.

2       (c) The task force may accept a gift or grant from a person  
3 other than the federal government.

4       Sec. 38.312. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and  
5 this subchapter expires December 1, 2025.

6       SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2019, the commissioner  
7 of education shall:

8           (1) appoint the members of the Collaborative Task  
9 Force on Public School Mental Health Services that are to be  
10 appointed by the commissioner, as required by Section 38.303,  
11 Education Code, as added by this Act; and

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13 provide support services, as required by Section 38.307, Education  
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15       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 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: HB906** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the creation of a collaborative task force on public school mental health services could be absorbed using existing resources.

The provisions of the bill requiring the appointment of members to the task force in addition to the commissioner, and the selection of the task force's officers, would have no fiscal implication to the state. The bill specifies that members of the task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for service on the task force.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner of the task force to designate one institution of higher education with experience in evaluating mental health services to serve as the lead institution for the task force would incur some costs to the institution that is designated. This institution would be required to provide faculty, staff, and administrative support services to the task force as determined necessary to administer the provisions of the bill. The lead institution would lead the task force in its charges to gather data on individuals provided with mental health services; to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on mental health services, including academic, disciplinary, and personal outcomes; and to submit biennial reports on the task force's activities.

Cost estimates of serving as the lead institution of the task force vary by institution. An illustrative example of likely costs is The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at San Antonio. In total, the institution estimates that the 5-year cost of the task force would be \$1,309,390. This estimate assumes that the task force would be abolished and the subchapter would expire on December 1, 2025, per Section 38.311.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner to designate two other institutions of higher education to assist the lead institution in its responsibilities could be absorbed using existing resources.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) assumes the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

## **Local Government Impact**

TEA assumes the bill would require school districts and charter schools to incur costs to collect and monitor additional data for reporting to the task force regarding mental health services and training provided.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

**LBB Staff:** WP, SD, TSI, HL, DEH, AKi, AM, ASa

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 13, 2019**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

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

**IN RE: HB906** by Thompson, Senfronia ( Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

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The provisions of the bill requiring the appointment of members to the task force in addition to the commissioner, and the selection of the task force's officers, would have no fiscal implication to the state. The bill specifies that members of the task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for service on the task force.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner of the task force to designate one institution of higher education with experience in evaluating mental health services to serve as the lead institution for the task force would incur some costs to the institution that is designated. This institution would be required to provide faculty, staff, and administrative support services to the task force as determined necessary to administer the provisions of the bill. The lead institution would lead the task force in its charges to gather data on individuals provided with mental health services; to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on mental health services, including academic, disciplinary, and personal outcomes; and to submit biennial reports on the task force's activities.

Cost estimates of serving as the lead institution of the task force vary by institution. An illustrative example of likely costs is The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at San Antonio. In total, the institution estimates that the 5-year cost of the task force would be \$1,309,390. This estimate assumes that the task force would be abolished and the subchapter would expire on December 1, 2025, per Section 38.311.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner to designate two other institution of higher education to assist the lead institution in its responsibilities could be absorbed using existing resources.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) assumes the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

## **Local Government Impact**

TEA assumes the bill would require school districts and charter schools to incur costs to collect and monitor additional data for reporting to the task force regarding mental health services and training provided.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 22, 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: HB906** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the creation of a collaborative task force on public school mental health services could be absorbed using existing resources.

The provisions of the bill requiring the appointment of members to the task force in addition to the commissioner, and the selection of the task force's officers, would have no fiscal implication to the state. The bill specifies that members of the task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for service on the task force.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner of the task force to designate one institution of higher education with experience in evaluating mental health services to serve as the lead institution for the task force would incur some costs to the institution that is designated. This institution would be required to provide faculty, staff, and administrative support services to the task force as determined necessary to administer the provisions of the bill. The lead institution would lead the task force in its charges to gather data on individuals provided with mental health services; to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on mental health services, including academic, disciplinary, and personal outcomes; and to submit biennial reports on the task force's activities.

Cost estimates of serving as the lead institution of the task force vary by institution. An illustrative example of likely costs is The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at San Antonio. In total, the institution estimates that the 5-year cost of the task force would be \$1,309,390. This estimate assumes that the task force would be abolished and the subchapter would expire on December 1, 2025, per Section 38.311.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner to designate two other institution of higher education to assist the lead institution in its responsibilities could be absorbed using existing resources.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) assumes the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

TEA assumes the bill would require school districts and charter schools to incur costs to collect and monitor additional data for reporting to the task force regarding mental health services and training provided.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**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: HB906** by Thompson, Senfronia (Relating to the establishment of a collaborative task force to study certain public school mental health services.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the creation of a collaborative task force on public school mental health services could be absorbed using existing resources.

The provisions of the bill requiring the appointment to the task force of six individuals in addition to the commissioner, and the selection of the task force's officers, would have no fiscal implication to the state. The bill specifies that members of the task force may not receive compensation or reimbursement for service on the task force.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner of the task force to designate one institution of higher education with experience in evaluating mental health services to serve as the lead institution for the task force would incur some costs to the institution that is designated. This institution would be required to provide faculty, staff, and administrative support services to the task force as determined necessary to administer the provisions of the bill. The lead institution would lead the task force in its charges to gather data on individuals provided with mental health services; to study, evaluate, and make recommendations on mental health services, including academic, disciplinary, and personal outcomes; and to submit biennial reports on the task force's activities.

Cost estimates of serving as the lead institution of the task force vary by institution. An illustrative example of likely costs is The University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSC) at San Antonio. In total, the institution estimates that the 5-year cost of the task force would be \$613,575. This estimate assumes that the task force would be abolished and the subchapter would expire on December 1, 2022, per Section 38.311.

The provision of the bill requiring the commissioner to designate two other institution of higher education to assist the lead institution in its responsibilities could be absorbed using existing resources.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) assumes the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

## **Local Government Impact**

TEA assumes the bill would require school districts and charter schools to incur some costs to collect and monitor additional data for reporting to the task force regarding mental health services and training provided.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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