

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Blanco

H.B. No. 4429

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the inclusion of mental health first aid training in the  
3 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) contract with local mental health authorities as  
20 defined by Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code, to provide to  
21 veterans and immediate family members of veterans mental health  
22 first aid for veterans training.

23 SECTION 2. Section 1001.222(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The department shall develop a mental health  
2 intervention program for veterans. The program must include:

3 (1) peer-to-peer counseling;

4 (2) access to licensed mental health professionals for  
5 peer service coordinators and peers;

6 (3) training approved by the department for peer  
7 service coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and  
8 peers;

9 (4) technical assistance for peer service  
10 coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;

11 (5) identification, retention, and screening of  
12 community-based licensed mental health professionals;

13 (6) suicide prevention training for peer service  
14 coordinators and peers; ~~and~~

15 (7) veteran jail diversion services, including  
16 veterans treatment courts; and

17 (8) training for veterans and immediate family members  
18 of veterans on mental health first aid for veterans.

19 SECTION 3. Section 1001.224, Health and Safety Code, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Sec. 1001.224. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of  
22 each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and  
23 the legislature that includes:

24 (1) the number of veterans who received services  
25 through the mental health program for veterans;

26 (2) the number of peers and peer service coordinators  
27 trained;

1           (3) an evaluation of the services provided under this  
2 subchapter;

3           (4) in addition to Subdivision (1), the number of  
4 veterans and immediate family members of veterans who received  
5 mental health first aid for veterans training through the mental  
6 health program for veterans; and

7           (5) [~~(4)~~] recommendations for program improvements.

8           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

ADOPTED

MAY 21 2019

*Debra Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Blanco/West Member

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

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

By: Chale Perry

C.S.H.B. No. 4429

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relating to mental health first aid training for veterans and immediate family members of veterans.

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

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

(4) coordinate services for justice involved veterans; and

(5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for veterans training.

SECTION 2. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than September 30 of

1 each year, a local mental health authority shall provide to the  
2 department the number of:

3 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who  
4 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section  
5 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year;

6 (2) university employees, school district employees,  
7 and school resource officers who completed a mental health first  
8 aid training program offered by the authority under Section  
9 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal year; [~~and~~]

10 (3) individuals who are not university employees,  
11 school district employees, or school resource officers who  
12 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the  
13 authority during the preceding fiscal year; and

14 (4) veterans and immediate family members of veterans  
15 who completed the veterans module of a mental health first aid  
16 training program offered by the authority during the preceding  
17 fiscal year.

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

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

24 (2) university employees, school district employees,  
25 and school resource officers who completed a mental health first  
26 aid training program provided by an authority during the preceding  
27 fiscal year; [~~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 provided by an  
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15 peer service coordinators and peers;

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25 (7) veteran jail diversion services, including  
26 veterans treatment courts; and

27 (8) coordination of mental health first aid for

1 veterans training to veterans and immediate family members of  
2 veterans.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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

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

**May 22, 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: HB4429** by Blanco (Relating to mental health first aid training for veterans and immediate family members of veterans.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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 Health and Human Services Commission is 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 commission may, but is not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

The bill would require the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to coordinate local delivery to veterans and immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for veterans training. The bill would require local mental health authorities to provide information regarding the number of veterans and immediate family members of veterans who completed the veterans module of a mental health first aid training program. The bill would add new services to the Mental Health for Veterans Program, and require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to include in its annual report the number of veterans and their immediate family members that received mental health first aid training. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

It is assumed that TVC and HHSC can implement the provisions of the bill relating to mental health first aid training for veterans and immediate family members of veterans within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** WP, AKi, EP, SB, SD



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

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

**May 19, 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: HB4429** by Blanco (Relating to mental health first aid training for veterans and immediate family members of veterans.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB4429, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$2,269,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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 Texas Veterans Commission and the Health and Human Services Commission are 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 agencies may, but are not required to, implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations available for that purpose.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2020	(\$1,274,500)
2021	(\$994,500)
2022	(\$994,500)
2023	(\$994,500)
2024	(\$944,500)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2020	(\$1,274,500)
2021	(\$994,500)
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## **Fiscal Analysis**

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## **Methodology**

The Mental Health for Veterans Program provided 198,903 program services to individuals in fiscal year 2018, including peer-to-peer services and counseling. This analysis assumes that 5 percent of those services provided through the Mental Health for Veterans Program would include mental health first aid training per fiscal year, at a cost of \$100 per individual receiving training. This analysis also assumes that 140 instructors would enroll in a mental health trainer certification class to receive veteran-specific training, at a cost of \$2,000 per class. Costs related to instructor trainings are assumed to be one-time costs in fiscal year 2020. The overall cost could be more or less depending on the number of individuals and instructors receiving mental health first aid training.

HHSC currently contracts with 39 local mental health and behavioral health authorities to reimburse mental health first aid training provided to certain university and school district employees. This analysis assumes TVC would transfer funding to HHSC in order to reimburse the local mental health and behavioral health authorities for training provided to veterans and their immediate family members.

## **Local Government Impact**

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## **Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** WP, AKi, EP, SB

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

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

**May 7, 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: HB4429** by Blanco (Relating to the inclusion of mental health first aid training in the mental health program for veterans.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB4429, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$2,269,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 434 of the Government Code to require the Veterans Commission to contract with local mental health authorities to provide mental health first aid training to veterans and their immediate family members. The bill would amend Chapter 1001 of the Health and Safety Code to add new services to the Mental Health for Veterans Program, and require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to include in its annual report the number of veterans and their immediate family members that received mental health first aid training. The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

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## **Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties and Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission  
**LBB Staff:** WP, AKi, EP, SB, LLo, AF

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

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

**April 9, 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: HB4429** by Blanco (Relating to the inclusion of mental health first aid training in the mental health program for veterans.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB4429, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,269,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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