

Amend CSSB 703 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Section 12.051 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.051. FARMER MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM. (a) The department shall establish a farmer mental health and suicide prevention program to raise awareness among farmers of issues relating to mental health and suicide prevention.

(b) As part of the program, the department shall:

(1) promote suicide prevention among farmers through a public awareness campaign;

(2) provide a toll-free telephone hotline for farmer mental health assistance;

(3) develop a mental wellness plan for farmers affected by a disaster; and

(4) coordinate suicide prevention activities with other state agencies, including the Department of State Health Services.