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H.B. No. 2666

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a veterans suicide prevention public awareness campaign.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.027 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.027. VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN. (a) The Texas Veterans Commission, in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission, shall develop and implement a public awareness campaign to:

(1) increase public awareness of suicide risk factors for veterans, including risk factors specific to women veterans; and

(2) provide information relating to, and increase awareness of, suicide prevention services and organizations available to veterans, including services and organizations that address the needs of women veterans.

(b) In implementing the campaign, the Texas Veterans Commission may engage in online advocacy, issue public service announcements, and distribute materials that cover the topics described by Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.