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H.B. No. 4074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the collection and use of suicide data by the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 531.476, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 531.476. POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The council:

(1) shall develop and monitor the implementation of a five-year statewide behavioral health strategic plan;

(2) shall develop a biennial coordinated statewide behavioral health expenditure proposal;

(3) shall annually publish an updated inventory of behavioral health programs and services that are funded by the state that includes a description of how those programs and services further the purpose of the statewide behavioral health strategic plan;

(4) may create subcommittees to carry out the council's duties under this subchapter; and

(5) may facilitate opportunities to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of available federal and state funds for behavioral and mental health services in this state.

(b) The council shall include statewide suicide prevention efforts in its five-year statewide behavioral health strategic plan

1 under Subsection (a).

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter M-1, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
3 amended by adding Section 531.477 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 531.477. SUICIDE PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE; SUICIDE  
5 DATA REPORTS. (a) The council shall create a suicide prevention  
6 subcommittee to focus on statewide suicide prevention efforts using  
7 information collected by the council from available sources of  
8 suicide data reports. The suicide prevention subcommittee shall  
9 establish guidelines for the frequent use of those reports in  
10 carrying out the council's purpose under this subchapter.

11 (b) The subcommittee created under this section shall  
12 establish a method for identifying how suicide data reports are  
13 used to make policy.

14 (c) Public or private entities that collect information  
15 regarding suicide and suicide prevention may provide suicide data  
16 reports to commission staff designated by the executive  
17 commissioner to receive those reports.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.