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S.B. No. 1380

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of the farmer mental health and suicide
3 prevention program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 12, Agriculture Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 12.051 to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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