

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 19, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1802** by Dominguez (Relating to a study on the use of alternative therapies for treating post-traumatic stress disorder.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1802, As Engrossed : a negative impact of (\$1,440,307) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

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

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

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$714,453)
2023	(\$725,854)
2024	(\$745,987)
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

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

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Federal Funds</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>555</b>
2022	(\$714,453)	(\$148,329)
2023	(\$725,854)	(\$150,696)
2024	(\$745,987)	(\$154,876)
2025	\$0	\$0
2026	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to collaborate with certain entities to conduct a study on the efficacy of using alternative therapies in the treatment of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The bill would require the study to include a clinical trial and a literature review. The bill would require HHSC to submit reports on the study. This Act expires September 1, 2025. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

## **Methodology**

This analysis assumes HHSC would contract with Baylor College of Medicine to implement the provisions of the bill, including to conduct a 30-month clinical trial, perform a literature review, publish the results of the study, and certain other required activities. According to HHSC, the costs of the study are estimated to be \$862,782 in All Funds in fiscal year 2022, \$876,550 in All Funds in fiscal year 2023, and \$900,863 in All Funds in fiscal year 2024.

## **Local Government Impact**

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

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