

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Hunter

H.B. No. 3821

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.352(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) For the mental health program for veterans, the commission shall:

(1) provide training to peer service coordinators and peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

(2) provide technical assistance to peer service coordinators and peers;

(3) identify, train, and communicate with community-based licensed mental health professionals, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

(4) coordinate services for justice involved veterans; ~~and~~

(5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for veterans training; and

(6) employ and train mental health professionals to assist the Department of State Health Services in the administration of the program.

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

**ADOPTED**

MAY 24 2021

*Latey Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: Menendez

H.B. No. 3821

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3821:

By: Charles Perry

C.S.H.B. No. 3821

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3 the mental health program for veterans.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 434.352(a) and (b), Government Code,  
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The commission and the Health and Human [~~Department of~~  
8 ~~State Health~~] Services Commission shall coordinate to administer  
9 the mental health program for veterans developed under Chapter  
10 1001, Health and Safety Code.

11 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the  
12 commission shall:

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14 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

15 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service  
16 coordinators and peers;

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18 community-based licensed mental health professionals,  
19 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

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21 veterans; ~~and~~

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23 immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for  
24 veterans training; and

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2 assist the Health and Human Services Commission in the  
3 administration of the program.

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 26, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB3821** by Hunter (Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 537 State Health Services

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SD, AKI, LCO, CST, SLE

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: HB3821** by Hunter (Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 17, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: HB3821** by Hunter (Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 23, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB3821** by Hunter (relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

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**Local Government Impact**

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**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 537 State Health Services

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SLE, LCO, CST

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 6, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Richard Peña Raymond, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB3821** by Hunter (Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.), **As Introduced**

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**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SLE, LCO, CST