

House Bill 3821
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

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

(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 Health and Human Services Commission in the administration of the program.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE