

1-1 By: González of El Paso, et al. H.B. No. 671
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Eckhardt)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2023;
 1-4 May 8, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-5 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Hancock	X			
1-9 Parker	X			
1-10 Blanco	X			
1-11 Eckhardt	X			
1-12 Gutierrez			X	
1-13 Hall			X	
1-14 Sparks	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to a veterans suicide prevention campaign.
 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 434.0241 to read as follows:
 1-22 Sec. 434.0241. VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN. (a)
 1-23 The Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct a suicide prevention
 1-24 campaign to provide veterans with information regarding suicide
 1-25 prevention.
 1-26 (b) In conducting the suicide prevention campaign, the
 1-27 commission shall establish a dedicated Internet website to provide
 1-28 veterans with information regarding suicide prevention.
 1-29 (c) The commission shall collaborate with, and may contract
 1-30 with, community-based, nonprofit, or private organizations to
 1-31 conduct the suicide prevention campaign under this section.
 1-32 (d) The commission may solicit and accept gifts and grants
 1-33 for purposes of conducting the suicide prevention campaign under
 1-34 this section.
 1-35 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2024, the Texas Veterans
 1-36 Commission shall:
 1-37 (1) establish the veterans suicide prevention
 1-38 campaign as required under Section 434.0241, Government Code, as
 1-39 added by this Act; and
 1-40 (2) adopt any rules necessary to implement the
 1-41 campaign.
 1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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