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H.B. No. 381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program awarding grants for the provision of personalized treatment protocols for veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 49 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 49. VETERANS PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER TREATMENT

Sec. 49.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Pilot program" means the pilot program established under this chapter.

(2) "Veteran" means an individual who has served in:

(A) an active or reserve component of the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;
or

(B) the Texas National Guard, as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code.

Sec. 49.002. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) The commission, using available resources and in cooperation with a nonprofit veterans organization, shall establish and operate a pilot program to award grants for the provision of personalized treatment protocols to at least 250 veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, including treatment-resistant

1 post-traumatic stress disorder.

2 (b) A personalized treatment protocol provided to a veteran
3 under the pilot program must be:

4 (1) administered at the veteran's home; and

5 (2) designed to reduce neuroinflammation and
6 replenish deficient or insufficient brain chemistry to an optimal
7 level.

8 (c) The commission may award a grant under the pilot program
9 only in accordance with a contract between the commission and a
10 grant recipient. The contract must include provisions under which
11 the commission is granted sufficient control to ensure the public
12 purpose of providing treatment to veterans is accomplished and the
13 state receives the return benefit.

14 (d) The commission may accept gifts, grants, and donations
15 to operate the pilot program.

16 Sec. 49.003. RULES. The executive commissioner shall adopt
17 rules to implement this chapter.

18 Sec. 49.004. REPORT. Not later than October 1, 2030, the
19 commission shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant
20 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the
21 appropriate standing committees of the legislature a report that
22 includes:

23 (1) information on the number of veterans who were
24 provided a personalized treatment protocol under the pilot program;
25 and

26 (2) an evaluation of the pilot program's
27 effectiveness.

1 Sec. 49.005. EXPIRATION. The pilot program concludes and
2 this chapter expires September 1, 2031.

3 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
4 of this Act:

5 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
6 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
7 Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and

8 (2) the Health and Human Services Commission shall
9 establish and begin operating the pilot program under Chapter 49,
10 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.