

1-1 By: Campos, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 1593
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
1-4 Government; May 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Bettencourt	X			
1-9	Middleton	X			
1-10	Cook	X			
1-11	Gutierrez			X	
1-12	Nichols	X			
1-13	Paxton	X			
1-14	West			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to an advisory committee to study suicide prevention and
1-18 peer support programs in fire departments in this state.
1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-20 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:
1-21 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee
1-22 established under this Act.
1-23 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Fire
1-24 Protection.
1-25 (3) "Fire department" has the meaning assigned by
1-26 Section 419.021, Government Code.
1-27 (4) "Fire fighter" has the meaning assigned by Section
1-28 143.003, Local Government Code.
1-29 SECTION 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall
1-30 establish an advisory committee to study the need to implement
1-31 suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in
1-32 this state. The committee is composed of the following members:
1-33 (1) two fire fighters, appointed by the Texas State
1-34 Association of Fire Fighters;
1-35 (2) two fire fighters, appointed by the State
1-36 Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;
1-37 (3) two fire chiefs, appointed by the Texas Fire
1-38 Chiefs Association;
1-39 (4) one person who is licensed to provide professional
1-40 mental health services, as defined by Section 531.002, Health and
1-41 Safety Code, appointed by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association;
1-42 (5) one person who is licensed to provide professional
1-43 mental health services as defined by Section 531.002, Health and
1-44 Safety Code, appointed by the Texas State Association of Fire
1-45 Fighters;
1-46 (6) one person who is licensed to provide professional
1-47 mental health services, as defined by Section 531.002, Health and
1-48 Safety Code, appointed by the State Firefighters' and Fire
1-49 Marshals' Association of Texas;
1-50 (7) one person, appointed by the executive director of
1-51 the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service; and
1-52 (8) the executive director of the commission.
1-53 (b) The advisory committee shall designate a member of the
1-54 committee as chair of the committee.
1-55 (c) The commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out
1-56 the purpose and duties of the advisory committee under this Act.
1-57 (d) The commission shall provide administrative support and
1-58 resources necessary for the advisory committee to carry out the
1-59 purpose and duties of the committee under this Act.
1-60 (e) The advisory committee may meet in person or by
1-61 telephone conference, videoconference, or other electronic means.

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