

By: Garcia of Bexar

H.B. No. 1965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on mental health services provided to veterans through the Texas Veterans Commission.

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

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, the "commission" means the Texas Veterans Commission.

(b) The commission, in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Commission, shall conduct a study to evaluate strategies to improve and expand mental health services provided through the commission's Military Veteran Peer Network. The study must include recommendations on expanding the number of certified peer service coordinators who provide mental health services to service members, veterans, and family members of service members or veterans.

(c) The study required by this section must focus on the provision of certified peer service coordinators in rural communities in this state.

(d) Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall prepare and submit a report to the legislature containing the findings of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.