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S.B. No. 1561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a ketamine treatment grant program for ketamine clinics serving active duty military personnel, first responders, and veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 547, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2025, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. KETAMINE TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Sec. 547.0501. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "First responder" has the meaning assigned by Section 421.095.

(2) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine in this state.

(3) "Program" means the ketamine treatment grant program established under this subchapter.

(4) "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.

Sec. 547.0502. KETAMINE TREATMENT GRANT PROGRAM. The commission shall establish a ketamine treatment grant program to award grants to ketamine clinics providing mental health treatment

1 to:

2 (1) active duty military personnel;

3 (2) first responders; and

4 (3) veterans.

5 Sec. 547.0503. USE OF GRANT. A ketamine clinic may use  
6 grant money awarded under this subchapter to:

7 (1) cover the cost of uncompensated mental health  
8 treatment provided to active duty military personnel, first  
9 responders, and veterans; and

10 (2) pay for other activities, services, resources,  
11 supplies, or equipment the commission determines necessary for the  
12 clinic to provide the treatment described by Subdivision (1).

13 Sec. 547.0504. SELECTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GRANT  
14 RECIPIENTS. (a) The commission, with any necessary assistance of  
15 physicians or other mental health care providers, may select  
16 eligible ketamine clinics for a grant award under this subchapter.

17 (b) The commission shall:

18 (1) develop eligibility and selection criteria for  
19 grant applicants; and

20 (2) establish accountability controls for grant  
21 recipients to ensure the public purpose of providing mental health  
22 treatment is accomplished and this state receives a return benefit.

23 Sec. 547.0505. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The  
24 commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from  
25 any source for the purposes of this subchapter.

26 Sec. 547.0506. WORK GROUP. (a) The commission may  
27 establish a work group to:

1           (1) assist the commission in developing,  
2 implementing, or evaluating the program; and

3           (2) prepare a report on the results and outcomes of  
4 grants awarded under this subchapter.

5           (b) A member of a work group established under this section:

6           (1) is not entitled to compensation for serving on the  
7 work group; and

8           (2) may not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses  
9 incurred while conducting the business of the work group.

10          (c) The work group established under this section is not  
11 subject to Chapter [2110](#).

12          Sec. 547.0507. BIENNIAL REPORT. Not later than December 1  
13 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit a report to  
14 the governor and the legislature regarding the activities of the  
15 program and grant recipients, including the results and outcomes of  
16 grants awarded under this subchapter.

17          Sec. 547.0508. RULES. The executive commissioner may adopt  
18 rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

19          SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Health and  
20 Human Services Commission shall establish and implement the  
21 ketamine treatment grant program authorized by Subchapter K,  
22 Chapter [547](#), Government Code, as added by this Act.

23          SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2026, the Health and  
24 Human Services Commission shall provide the initial report to the  
25 governor and the legislature as required by Section 547.0507,  
26 Government Code, as added by this Act.

27          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.