

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Cortez

H.B. No. 114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transition of certain veterans' mental health initiatives from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.0172 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.0172. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. (a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the commission for that purpose, the commission shall establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting community mental health programs providing services and treatment to veterans and their families.

(b) The commission shall ensure that each grant recipient obtains or secures contributions to match awarded grants in amounts of money or other consideration. The money or other consideration obtained or secured by the commission may, as determined by the executive director, include cash or in-kind contributions from private contributors or local governments but may not include state or federal funds.

(c) Money appropriated to, or obtained by, the commission for the grant program must be disbursed directly to grant recipients by the commission, as authorized by the executive director.

1 (c-1) For services and treatment provided in a single
2 county, the commission shall condition each grant provided under
3 this section on a potential grant recipient providing funds from
4 non-state sources in a total amount at least equal to:

5 (1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the community
6 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
7 services and treatment in a county with a population of less than
8 100,000;

9 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the community
10 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
11 services and treatment in a county with a population of 100,000 or
12 more but less than 250,000; or

13 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the community
14 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
15 services and treatment in a county with a population of 250,000 or
16 more.

17 (c-2) For a community mental health program that provides
18 services and treatment in more than one county, the commission
19 shall condition each grant provided under this section on a
20 potential grant recipient providing funds from non-state sources in
21 a total amount at least equal to:

22 (1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the county with
23 the largest population in which the community mental health program
24 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
25 population of less than 100,000;

26 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the county with
27 the largest population in which the community mental health program

1 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
2 population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000; or

3 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the county with
4 the largest population in which the community mental health program
5 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
6 population of 250,000 or more.

7 (d) All grants awarded under the grant program must be used
8 for the sole purpose of supporting community programs that provide
9 mental health care services and treatment to veterans and their
10 families and that coordinate mental health care services for
11 veterans and their families with other transition support services.

12 (e) The commission shall select grant recipients based on
13 the submission of applications or proposals by nonprofit and
14 governmental entities. The executive director shall develop
15 criteria for the evaluation of those applications or proposals and
16 the selection of grant recipients. The selection criteria must:

17 (1) evaluate and score:

18 (A) fiscal controls for the project;

19 (B) project effectiveness;

20 (C) project cost; and

21 (D) an applicant's previous experience with
22 grants and contracts;

23 (2) address the possibility of and method for making
24 multiple awards; and

25 (3) include other factors that the executive director
26 considers relevant.

27 (f) A reasonable amount not to exceed five percent of the

1 money appropriated by the legislature for the purposes of this
2 section may be used by the commission to pay administrative costs of
3 implementing this section.

4 SECTION 2. Section 434.352, Government Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 434.352. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The
7 commission [~~and the Health and Human Services Commission~~] shall
8 [~~coordinate to~~] administer the mental health program for veterans
9 developed under this chapter [~~Chapter 1001, Health and Safety~~
10 ~~Code~~].

11 (a-1) The mental health program for veterans must include:

12 (1) peer-to-peer counseling;

13 (2) access to licensed mental health professionals for
14 peer service coordinators and peers;

15 (3) training approved by the commission for peer
16 service coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and
17 peers;

18 (4) technical assistance for peer service
19 coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;

20 (5) identification, retention, and screening of
21 community-based licensed mental health professionals;

22 (6) suicide prevention training for peer service
23 coordinators and peers;

24 (7) veteran jail diversion services, including
25 veterans treatment courts; and

26 (8) coordination of mental health first aid for
27 veterans training to veterans and immediate family members of

1 veterans.

2 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the
3 commission shall:

4 (1) provide training to peer service coordinators and
5 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

6 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service
7 coordinators and peers;

8 (3) identify, train, and communicate with
9 community-based licensed mental health professionals,
10 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

11 (4) coordinate services for justice involved
12 veterans;

13 (5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and
14 immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for
15 veterans training; ~~and~~

16 (6) employ and train mental health professionals to
17 administer ~~[assist the Health and Human Services Commission in the~~
18 ~~administration of]~~ the program;

19 (7) develop a rural veterans mental health initiative
20 and a women veterans mental health initiative; and

21 (8) solicit and ensure that specialized training is
22 provided to persons who are peers and who want to provide
23 peer-to-peer counseling or other peer-to-peer services under the
24 program.

25 (c) Subject to Section 434.3525, the executive director of
26 the commission shall appoint a program director to administer the
27 mental health program for veterans.

1 (d) The commission shall provide appropriate facilities in
2 support of the mental health program for veterans to the extent
3 funding is available for that purpose.

4 (e) A state agency may not award a grant to an entity for the
5 provision of mental health services to veterans or veterans'
6 families unless the entity demonstrates the entity:

7 (1) has previously received and successfully executed
8 a grant from the state agency; or

9 (2) provides training on military informed care or
10 military cultural competency to entity personnel who provide mental
11 health services to veterans or veterans' families or requires those
12 personnel to complete military competency training provided by any
13 of the following:

14 (A) the commission;

15 (B) the Health and Human Services Commission;

16 (C) the Military Veteran Peer Network;

17 (D) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health
18 Services Administration within the United States Department of
19 Health and Human Services;

20 (E) the United States Department of Defense;

21 (F) the United States Department of Veterans
22 Affairs; or

23 (G) a nonprofit organization that is exempt from
24 federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code
25 of 1986, by being listed as an exempt entity under Section 501(c)(3)
26 of that code, with experience in providing training or technical
27 assistance to entities that provide mental health services to

veterans or veterans' families.

(f) The commission and the Health and Human Services Commission [~~Department of State Health Services~~] shall jointly verify that each state agency authorized to award a grant subject to the requirements of Subsection (e) has adopted policies to ensure compliance with Subsection (e).

SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.354 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.354. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature that includes:

(1) the number of veterans who received services through the mental health program for veterans;

(2) the number of peers and peer service coordinators trained;

(3) an evaluation of the services provided under this subchapter; and

(4) recommendations for program improvements.

SECTION 4. Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN.

Sec. 434.501. VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN. (a) The commission, in collaboration with the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families Technical Assistance Center Implementation Academy of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the

1 United States Department of Health and Human Services, veteran
2 advocacy groups, medical providers, and any other organization or
3 interested party the commission considers appropriate, shall
4 develop a comprehensive action plan to increase access to and
5 availability of professional veteran health services to prevent
6 veteran suicides.

7 (b) The action plan must:

8 (1) identify opportunities for raising awareness of
9 and providing resources for veteran suicide prevention;

10 (2) identify opportunities to increase access to
11 veteran mental health services;

12 (3) identify funding resources to provide accessible,
13 affordable veteran mental health services;

14 (4) provide measures to expand public-private
15 partnerships to ensure access to quality, timely mental health
16 services;

17 (5) provide for proactive outreach measures to reach
18 veterans needing care;

19 (6) provide for peer-to-peer service coordination,
20 including training, certification, recertification, and continuing
21 education for peer coordinators; and

22 (7) address suicide prevention awareness, measures,
23 and training regarding veterans involved in the justice system.

24 (c) The commission shall make specific short-term and
25 long-term statutory, administrative, and budget-related
26 recommendations to the legislature and the governor regarding the
27 policy initiatives and reforms necessary to implement the action

1 plan developed under this section. The initiatives and reforms
2 must be fully implemented by September 1, 2027.

3 (d) This subchapter expires September 1, 2027.

4 SECTION 5. The following provisions are repealed:

5 (1) Subchapter I, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety
6 Code; and

7 (2) Sections 531.0925 and 531.0992, Government Code.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

MAY 21 2025

Latey Law
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Zeffirini*

H.B. No. 114

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 114:

By: *Tom Parker*

C.S.H.B. No. 114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran
3 mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.

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

5 ARTICLE 1. TRANSFER OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

6 SECTION 1.01. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 434,
7 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 SUBCHAPTER H. [~~STATEWIDE COORDINATION OF~~] MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM
9 FOR VETERANS

10 SECTION 1.02. Section 1001.222, Health and Safety Code, is
11 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code,
12 redesignated as Section 434.3515, Government Code, and amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 434.3515 [~~1001.222~~]. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR
15 VETERANS: ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS [~~GENERAL POWERS~~
16 ~~AND DUTIES~~]. (a) The commission [~~department~~] shall develop and
17 administer a mental health [~~intervention~~] program for veterans.
18 The program must include:

19 (1) peer-to-peer counseling;

20 (2) access to licensed mental health professionals for
21 peer service coordinators and peers;

22 (3) training approved by the commission [~~department~~]
23 for peer service coordinators, licensed mental health
24 professionals, and peers;

1 (4) technical assistance for peer service
2 coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;
3 (5) identification, retention, and screening of
4 community-based licensed mental health professionals;
5 (6) suicide prevention training for peer service
6 coordinators and peers;
7 (7) veteran jail diversion services, including
8 veterans treatment courts; and
9 (8) coordination of mental health first aid for
10 veterans training to veterans and immediate family members of
11 veterans.

12 (b) [~~(a-1)~~] As part of the mental health [~~intervention~~]
13 program for veterans, the commission [~~department~~] shall develop:

14 (1) a women veterans mental health initiative; and [~~-~~]

15 (2) [~~(a-2) As part of the mental health intervention~~
16 ~~program for veterans, the department shall develop~~] a rural
17 veterans mental health initiative.

18 (c) [~~(b)~~] The commission [~~department~~] shall solicit and
19 ensure that specialized training is provided to persons who are
20 peers and who want to provide peer-to-peer counseling or other
21 peer-to-peer services under the program.

22 [~~(c) The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary~~
23 ~~to implement this subchapter.~~]

24 SECTION 1.03. Sections 434.352(b) and (f), Government Code,
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the
27 commission shall:

1 (1) provide training to peer service coordinators and
2 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

3 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service
4 coordinators and peers;

5 (3) identify, train, and communicate with
6 community-based licensed mental health professionals,
7 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

8 (4) coordinate services for justice involved
9 veterans;

10 (5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and
11 immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for
12 veterans training; and

13 (6) employ and train mental health professionals to
14 assist [~~the Health and Human Services Commission~~] in the
15 administration of the program.

16 (f) The commission [~~and the Department of State Health~~
17 ~~Services~~] shall [~~jointly~~] verify that each state agency authorized
18 to award a grant subject to the requirements of Subsection (e) has
19 adopted policies to ensure compliance with Subsection (e).

20 SECTION 1.04. Section 1001.224, Health and Safety Code, is
21 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code,
22 redesignated as Section 434.354, Government Code, and amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 434.354 [~~1001.224~~]. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than
25 December 1 of each year, the commission [~~department~~] shall submit a
26 report to the governor and the legislature that includes:

27 (1) the number of veterans who received services

1 through the mental health program for veterans;

2 (2) the number of peers and peer service coordinators
3 trained;

4 (3) an evaluation of the services provided under this
5 subchapter; and

6 (4) recommendations for program improvements.

7 SECTION 1.05. Subchapter H, Chapter 434, Government Code,
8 is amended by adding Section 434.355 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 434.355. RULES. The commission may adopt rules to
10 administer this subchapter.

11 ARTICLE 2. TRANSFER OF TEXAS VETERANS AND FAMILY ALLIANCE GRANT
12 PROGRAM

13 SECTION 2.01. Subchapter G, Chapter 547, Government Code,
14 is transferred to Chapter 434, Government Code, redesignated as
15 Subchapter J, Government Code, and amended to read as follows:

16 SUBCHAPTER J [G]. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL
17 HEALTH PROGRAMS ASSISTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

18 Sec. 434.421 [~~547.0301~~]. DEFINITIONS [~~DEFINITION~~]. In this
19 subchapter:

20 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Veterans Commission.

21 (2) "Executive director" means the executive director
22 of the commission or the executive director's designee.

23 (3) "Matching [~~7~~-"matching] grant program" means the
24 matching grant program established under this subchapter.

25 Sec. 434.422 [~~547.0302~~]. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. To the
26 extent funds are appropriated to the commission for that purpose,
27 the commission shall establish a matching grant program to support

1 community mental health programs that provide services and
2 treatment to veterans and their families.

3 Sec. 434.423 [~~547.0303~~]. MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED.

4 (a) The commission shall ensure that each grant recipient obtains
5 or secures contributions to match a grant awarded to the recipient
6 in amounts of money or other consideration as required by Section
7 434.424 [~~547.0304~~] or 434.425 [~~547.0305~~].

8 (b) The money or other consideration obtained or secured by
9 the commission may, as the executive director [~~commissioner~~]
10 determines, include cash or in-kind contributions from private
11 contributors or local governments but may not include state or
12 federal funds.

13 Sec. 434.424 [~~547.0304~~]. MATCHING GRANT CONDITIONS: SINGLE
14 COUNTIES. For services and treatment provided in a single county,
15 the commission shall condition each grant provided under this
16 subchapter on a potential grant recipient providing funds from
17 non-state sources in a total amount at least equal to:

18 (1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the community
19 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
20 services and treatment in a county with a population of less than
21 100,000;

22 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the community
23 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides
24 services and treatment in a county with a population of 100,000 or
25 more but less than 250,000; or

26 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the community
27 mental health program to be supported by the grant provides

1 services and treatment in a county with a population of 250,000 or
2 more.

3 Sec. 434.425 [~~547.0305~~]. MATCHING GRANT CONDITIONS:
4 MULTIPLE COUNTIES. For a community mental health program that
5 provides services and treatment in more than one county, the
6 commission shall condition each grant provided under this
7 subchapter on a potential grant recipient providing funds from
8 non-state sources in a total amount at least equal to:

9 (1) 25 percent of the grant amount if the county with
10 the largest population in which the community mental health program
11 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
12 population of less than 100,000;

13 (2) 50 percent of the grant amount if the county with
14 the largest population in which the community mental health program
15 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
16 population of 100,000 or more but less than 250,000; or

17 (3) 100 percent of the grant amount if the county with
18 the largest population in which the community mental health program
19 to be supported by the grant provides services and treatment has a
20 population of 250,000 or more.

21 Sec. 434.426 [~~547.0306~~]. SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS;
22 APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS. (a) The commission shall select grant
23 recipients based on the submission of applications or proposals by
24 nonprofit and governmental entities.

25 (b) The executive director [~~commissioner~~] shall develop
26 criteria for evaluating the applications or proposals and the
27 selection of grant recipients. The selection criteria must:

1 (1) evaluate and score:
2 (A) fiscal controls for the project;
3 (B) project effectiveness;
4 (C) project cost; and
5 (D) an applicant's previous experience with
6 grants and contracts;
7 (2) address the possibility of and method for making
8 multiple awards; and
9 (3) include other factors that the executive director
10 [~~commissioner~~] considers relevant.

11 Sec. 434.427 [~~547.0307~~]. USE OF GRANTS AND MATCHING
12 AMOUNTS. A grant awarded under the matching grant program must be
13 used for the sole purpose of supporting community mental health
14 programs that:

15 (1) provide mental health services and treatment to
16 veterans and their families; and
17 (2) coordinate mental health services for veterans and
18 their families with other transition support services.

19 Sec. 434.428 [~~547.0308~~]. DISTRIBUTING AND ALLOCATING
20 APPROPRIATED MONEY. (a) As the executive director [~~commissioner~~]
21 authorizes, the commission shall disburse money appropriated to or
22 obtained by the commission for the matching grant program directly
23 to grant recipients.

24 (b) The commission may use a reasonable amount not to exceed
25 five percent of the money appropriated by the legislature for the
26 purposes of this subchapter to pay the administrative costs of
27 implementing this subchapter.

1 Sec. 434.429 [~~547.0309~~]. RULES. The commission [~~executive~~
2 ~~commissioner~~] shall adopt rules necessary to implement the matching
3 grant program.

4 ARTICLE 3. TRANSFER OF VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN

5 SECTION 3.01. Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER K. VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION PLAN

8 Sec. 434.451. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "commission"
9 means the Texas Veterans Commission.

10 SECTION 3.02. Section 547.0004, Government Code, is
11 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 434, Government Code, as added
12 by this Act, redesignated as Section 434.452, Government Code, and
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 434.452 [~~547.0004~~]. VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION
15 PLAN. (a) The commission, in collaboration with the Texas
16 Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, the United States
17 Department of Veterans Affairs, the Service Members, Veterans, and
18 their Families Technical Assistance Center Implementation Academy
19 of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of
20 the United States Department of Health and Human Services, veteran
21 advocacy groups, health care providers, and any other organization
22 or interested party the commission considers appropriate, shall
23 develop a comprehensive action plan to increase access to and
24 availability of professional veteran health services to prevent
25 veteran suicides.

26 (b) The action plan must:

27 (1) identify opportunities for raising awareness of

1 and providing resources for veteran suicide prevention;
2 (2) identify opportunities to increase access to
3 veteran mental health services;
4 (3) identify funding resources to provide accessible,
5 affordable veteran mental health services;
6 (4) provide measures to expand public-private
7 partnerships to ensure access to quality, timely mental health
8 services;
9 (5) provide for proactive outreach measures to reach
10 veterans needing care;
11 (6) provide for peer-to-peer service coordination,
12 including training, certification, recertification, and continuing
13 education for peer coordinators; and
14 (7) address suicide prevention awareness, measures,
15 and training regarding veterans involved in the justice system.
16 (c) The commission shall make specific long-term statutory,
17 administrative, and budget-related recommendations to the
18 legislature and the governor regarding the policy initiatives and
19 reforms necessary to implement the action plan developed under this
20 section. The initiatives and reforms in the long-term plan must be
21 fully implemented by September 1, 2027.
22 (d) The commission shall include in the commission's
23 strategic plan under Chapter 2056 the plans for implementing the
24 long-term recommendations under Subsection (c).
25 (e) This subchapter ~~[section]~~ expires September 1, 2027.
26 ARTICLE 4. REPEALER; TRANSITIONS; EFFECTIVE DATE
27 SECTION 4.01. The following provisions are repealed:

- 1 (1) Section 434.352(a), Government Code;
- 2 (2) the heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 1001, Health
3 and Safety Code;
- 4 (3) Section 1001.221, Health and Safety Code; and
- 5 (4) Section 1001.225, Health and Safety Code.

6 SECTION 4.02. (a) On the effective date of this Act, the
7 following are transferred from the Health and Human Services
8 Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission:

9 (1) the powers, duties, functions, programs, and
10 activities of the Health and Human Services Commission relating to
11 the mental health programs under Subchapters H, J, and K, Chapter
12 434, Government Code, as redesignated by this Act;

13 (2) any obligations and contracts of the Health and
14 Human Services Commission that are directly related to a power,
15 duty, function, program, or activity transferred under this Act;
16 and

17 (3) all property and records in the custody of the
18 Health and Human Services Commission that are related to a power,
19 duty, function, program, or activity transferred under this Act and
20 all funds appropriated by the legislature for that power, duty,
21 function, program, or activity.

22 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas
23 Veterans Commission shall establish a plan for the transfer of
24 personnel whose functions predominantly involve a power, duty,
25 function, program, or activity transferred under this Act.

26 SECTION 4.03. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

ADOPTED

MAY 21 2025

Latey Law
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: *C. J. Bl*

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 114 (senate committee report) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION __. It is the intent of the 89th Legislature, Regular
5 Session, 2025, that Sections 434.424 and 434.425, Government Code,
6 as redesignated by this Act from Sections 547.0304 and 547.0305,
7 Government Code, respectively, be harmonized with S.B. No. 897 or
8 another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
9 relating to the administration of a grant program to support
10 community mental health programs assisting veterans and their
11 families, with respect to the percentage of funds from non-state
12 sources that a potential grant recipient must provide.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB114 by Cortez (Relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would transfer the Mental Health Program for Veterans and the Texas Veterans Family Alliance Grant Program administered by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). It is assumed the transfer of funding and resources from HHSC to TVC would have no net cost to General Revenue. The bill would also align the matching grant conditions with respect to the percentage of funds from non-state sources that a potential grant recipient must provide with those established by Senate Bill 897, or another Act of the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the administration of a grant program to support community mental health programs assisting veterans and their families.

This analysis assumes that \$27,912,000 in General Revenue appropriated for HHSC for the affected programs in Senate Bill 1 would transfer to the TVC. It is assumed the transfer from HHSC to TVC would take place beginning in fiscal year 2026, and include \$3,956,000 in General Revenue for the Mental Health Program for Veterans and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue for the Grant Program for Mental Health Services for Veterans and their Families in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

This analysis assumes HHSC can implement all other functions of the bill with existing resources.

This analysis assumes costs associated with system changes to Clinical Management for Behavioral Health Services (CMBHS) to track veterans in transferring programs would be absorbed within existing resources.

The ongoing costs to TVC for this program would be \$13,956,000 per fiscal year.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, LCO, JKe, MGol

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2025

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB114 by Cortez (relating to the transfer of functions relating to certain veteran mental health programs and plans to the Texas Veterans Commission.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB114 by Cortez (Relating to the transition of certain veterans' mental health initiatives from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission.), **As Engrossed**

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FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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