

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**May 29, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB55 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans and their families. ), **Conference Committee Report**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB55, Conference Committee Report: a negative impact of (\$20,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2016	(\$10,000,000)
2017	(\$10,000,000)
2018	(\$10,000,000)
2019	(\$10,000,000)
2020	(\$10,000,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</b>
	<b>1</b>
2016	(\$10,000,000)
2017	(\$10,000,000)
2018	(\$10,000,000)
2019	(\$10,000,000)
2020	(\$10,000,000)

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to create a pilot grant program for the purpose of supporting community mental health programs providing services and treatment to veterans with mental illness.

## **Methodology**

It is assumed that \$10,000,000 in General Revenue per fiscal year will be used for grants for veterans mental health services. Both the House and Senate introduced General Appropriations Bills include a rider that allocates \$10,000,000 in General Revenue per fiscal year for this purpose.

## **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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