

1-1 By: Blanco (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez, West) H.B. No. 4429  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2019;  
1-3 May 1, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &  
1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 20, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4429 By: Perry

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to mental health first aid training for veterans and  
1-22 immediate family members of veterans.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 434.352(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the  
1-27 commission shall:

1-28 (1) provide training to peer service coordinators and  
1-29 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

1-30 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service  
1-31 coordinators and peers;

1-32 (3) identify, train, and communicate with  
1-33 community-based licensed mental health professionals,  
1-34 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;  
1-35 ~~and~~

1-36 (4) coordinate services for justice involved  
1-37 veterans; and

1-38 (5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and  
1-39 immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for  
1-40 veterans training.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-42 amended to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than September 30 of  
1-44 each year, a local mental health authority shall provide to the  
1-45 department the number of:

1-46 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who  
1-47 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section  
1-48 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year;

1-49 (2) university employees, school district employees,  
1-50 and school resource officers who completed a mental health first  
1-51 aid training program offered by the authority under Section  
1-52 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal year; ~~and~~

1-53 (3) individuals who are not university employees,  
1-54 school district employees, or school resource officers who  
1-55 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the  
1-56 authority during the preceding fiscal year; and

1-57 (4) veterans and immediate family members of veterans  
1-58 who completed the veterans module of a mental health first aid  
1-59 training program offered by the authority during the preceding  
1-60 fiscal year.

2-1 (b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department  
2-2 shall compile the information submitted by local mental health  
2-3 authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a report to the  
2-4 legislature containing the number of:

2-5 (1) authority employees and contractors trained as  
2-6 mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year;

2-7 (2) university employees, school district employees,  
2-8 and school resource officers who completed a mental health first  
2-9 aid training program provided by an authority during the preceding  
2-10 fiscal year; ~~and~~

2-11 (3) individuals who are not university employees,  
2-12 school district employees, or school resource officers who  
2-13 completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an  
2-14 authority during the preceding fiscal year; and

2-15 (4) veterans and immediate family members of veterans  
2-16 who completed the veterans module of a mental health first aid  
2-17 training program provided by an authority during the preceding  
2-18 fiscal year.

2-19 SECTION 3. Section 1001.222(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
2-20 amended to read as follows:

2-21 (a) The department shall develop a mental health  
2-22 intervention program for veterans. The program must include:

2-23 (1) peer-to-peer counseling;

2-24 (2) access to licensed mental health professionals for  
2-25 peer service coordinators and peers;

2-26 (3) training approved by the department for peer  
2-27 service coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and  
2-28 peers;

2-29 (4) technical assistance for peer service  
2-30 coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;

2-31 (5) identification, retention, and screening of  
2-32 community-based licensed mental health professionals;

2-33 (6) suicide prevention training for peer service  
2-34 coordinators and peers; ~~and~~

2-35 (7) veteran jail diversion services, including  
2-36 veterans treatment courts; and

2-37 (8) coordination of mental health first aid for  
2-38 veterans training to veterans and immediate family members of  
2-39 veterans.

2-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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