

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 429
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2019; February 14, 2019,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
1-4 Services; April 24, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 April 24, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 429 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the
1-22 workforce in this state to serve persons with mental health and
1-23 substance use issues.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
1-26 amended by adding Section 531.02253 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 531.02253. COMPREHENSIVE WORKFORCE PLAN FOR MENTAL
1-28 HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE. (a) The statewide behavioral health
1-29 coordinating council, under the direction of the commission, shall
1-30 develop and the commission shall implement a comprehensive plan to
1-31 increase and improve the workforce in this state to serve persons
1-32 with mental health and substance use issues. In developing the
1-33 plan, the council shall analyze and consider available studies,
1-34 reports, and recommendations regarding that segment of the
1-35 workforce in this state or elsewhere.

1-36 (b) The plan must include:

1-37 (1) a strategy and timeline for implementing the plan,
1-38 including short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals;

1-39 (2) a system for monitoring the implementation of the
1-40 plan; and

1-41 (3) a method for evaluating the outcomes of the plan.

1-42 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2020, the statewide
1-43 behavioral health coordinating council shall develop and the Health
1-44 and Human Services Commission shall begin implementing the plan
1-45 required under Section 531.02253, Government Code, as added by this
1-46 Act.

1-47 SECTION 3. The statewide behavioral health coordinating
1-48 council and the Health and Human Services Commission are required
1-49 to implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
1-50 appropriates money to the commission specifically for that purpose.
1-51 If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
1-52 purpose, the council and the commission may, but are not required
1-53 to, implement the provision using other appropriations made to the
1-54 commission that are available for that purpose.

1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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