

1-1 By: Raymond, Guillen, Morales of Maverick H.B. No. 2903  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;  
 1-4 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
 1-5 Affairs & Border Security; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by the  
 1-6 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to an instruction guide for family members and caregivers  
 1-19 of veterans who have mental health disorders.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
 1-22 amended by adding Section 531.0932 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 531.0932. INSTRUCTION GUIDE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
 1-24 CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS WHO HAVE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. (a) The  
 1-25 commission and the Texas Veterans Commission jointly shall produce  
 1-26 and make publicly available an instruction guide for family members  
 1-27 and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders.

1-28 (b) The instruction guide produced under this section must  
 1-29 include:

1-30 (1) general education about different mental health  
 1-31 disorders, including instruction intended to improve understanding  
 1-32 about the experience of persons suffering from those mental health  
 1-33 disorders;

1-34 (2) techniques for handling crisis situations and  
 1-35 administering mental health first aid to persons suffering from  
 1-36 mental health disorders;

1-37 (3) techniques for coping with the stress of living  
 1-38 with a person with a mental health disorder; and

1-39 (4) information about related services available for  
 1-40 family members and caregivers of veterans who have mental health  
 1-41 disorders that are provided by the commission, the Texas Veterans  
 1-42 Commission, other state agencies, community organizations, and  
 1-43 mental health services providers.

1-44 (c) The commission and the Texas Veterans Commission each  
 1-45 shall publish the guide produced under this section on the  
 1-46 respective agency's Internet website.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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