

1-1 By: Lopez of Bexar, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 39
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2025;
1-3 April 16, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs; May 19, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 May 19, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Parker	X		
1-11	Eckhardt		X	
1-12	Gutierrez	X		
1-13	Hagenbuch	X		
1-14	Hall	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 39 By: Parker

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to information and data regarding the incidence of veteran
1-20 deaths in this state.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 193.006, Health and Safety Code, is
1-23 amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (d) When the death certificate of a person to which this
1-26 section applies is filed with the vital statistics unit, the
1-27 department ~~[state registrar]~~ shall submit to ~~[notify]~~ the Texas
1-28 Veterans Commission ~~deidentified information on the person's:~~

1-29 (1) manner of death, only if the death was by suicide
1-30 or homicide;

1-31 (2) age;

1-32 (3) race;

1-33 (4) previous use of psychotropic drugs, only if that
1-34 information is reasonably available to the department;

1-35 (5) sex; and

1-36 (6) occupation.

1-37 (e) Not later than December 1 of each year, the Texas
1-38 Veterans Commission shall prepare and submit to the standing
1-39 committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over
1-40 veterans affairs and publish on the commission's Internet website a
1-41 written report that contains:

1-42 (1) aggregated data based on the information the
1-43 commission receives under Subsection (d) for the preceding year;

1-44 (2) an evaluation of that data; and

1-45 (3) any recommendations for legislative or other
1-46 action.

1-47 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2027, the Texas
1-48 Veterans Commission shall prepare and submit the initial report
1-49 required by Section 193.006(e), Health and Safety Code, as added by
1-50 this Act.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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