

1-1 By: Campos, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Middleton) H.B. No. 1593  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2025;  
 1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local  
 1-4 Government; May 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Middleton	X			
1-9 Cook	X			
1-10 Gutierrez			X	
1-11 Nichols	X			
1-12 Paxton	X			
1-13 West			X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to an advisory committee to study suicide prevention and  
 1-18 peer support programs in fire departments in this state.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-21 (1) "Advisory committee" means the advisory committee  
 1-22 established under this Act.

1-23 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Fire  
 1-24 Protection.

1-25 (3) "Fire department" has the meaning assigned by  
 1-26 Section 419.021, Government Code.

1-27 (4) "Fire fighter" has the meaning assigned by Section  
 1-28 143.003, Local Government Code.

1-29 SECTION 2. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The commission shall  
 1-30 establish an advisory committee to study the need to implement  
 1-31 suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in  
 1-32 this state. The committee is composed of the following members:

1-33 (1) two fire fighters, appointed by the Texas State  
 1-34 Association of Fire Fighters;

1-35 (2) two fire fighters, appointed by the State  
 1-36 Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

1-37 (3) two fire chiefs, appointed by the Texas Fire  
 1-38 Chiefs Association;

1-39 (4) one person who is licensed to provide professional  
 1-40 mental health services, as defined by Section 531.002, Health and  
 1-41 Safety Code, appointed by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association;

1-42 (5) one person who is licensed to provide professional  
 1-43 mental health services as defined by Section 531.002, Health and  
 1-44 Safety Code, appointed by the Texas State Association of Fire  
 1-45 Fighters;

1-46 (6) one person who is licensed to provide professional  
 1-47 mental health services, as defined by Section 531.002, Health and  
 1-48 Safety Code, appointed by the State Firefighters' and Fire  
 1-49 Marshals' Association of Texas;

1-50 (7) one person, appointed by the executive director of  
 1-51 the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service; and

1-52 (8) the executive director of the commission.

1-53 (b) The advisory committee shall designate a member of the  
 1-54 committee as chair of the committee.

1-55 (c) The commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out  
 1-56 the purpose and duties of the advisory committee under this Act.

1-57 (d) The commission shall provide administrative support and  
 1-58 resources necessary for the advisory committee to carry out the  
 1-59 purpose and duties of the committee under this Act.

1-60 (e) The advisory committee may meet in person or by  
 1-61 telephone conference, videoconference, or other electronic means.

2-1 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2026, the  
2-2 advisory committee shall prepare and submit a report to the  
2-3 governor and the legislature. The report must:

2-4 (1) provide an overview of suicide prevention and peer  
2-5 support groups in fire departments;

2-6 (2) address possible licensing requirements and any  
2-7 confidentiality concerns; and

2-8 (3) provide recommendations on:

2-9 (A) the need for legislation to implement suicide  
2-10 prevention and peer support groups in fire departments;

2-11 (B) whether to encourage local governments to  
2-12 develop local suicide prevention and peer support groups in fire  
2-13 departments; and

2-14 (C) specific programs to be implemented in this  
2-15 state.

2-16 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION DATE. The advisory committee is  
2-17 abolished and this Act expires January 10, 2027.

2-18 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September  
2-19 1, 2025.

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