

1-1 By: Garcia of Bexar, et al. H.B. No. 1965
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-4 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-5 Affairs; May 19, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 6, Nays 0; 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 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to a study on mental health services provided to veterans
1-19 through the Texas Veterans Commission.
1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-21 SECTION 1. (a) In this section, the "commission" means the
1-22 Texas Veterans Commission.
1-23 (b) The commission shall conduct a study to evaluate
1-24 strategies to improve and expand mental health services provided
1-25 through the commission's Military Veteran Peer Network. The study
1-26 must include recommendations on expanding the number of certified
1-27 peer service coordinators who provide mental health services to
1-28 service members, veterans, and family members of service members or
1-29 veterans.
1-30 (c) The study required by this section must focus on the
1-31 provision of certified peer service coordinators in rural
1-32 communities in this state.
1-33 (d) Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall
1-34 prepare and submit a report to the legislature containing the
1-35 findings of the study and any recommendations for legislative or
1-36 other action.
1-37 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2027.
1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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