

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Menéndez) H.B. No. 3821
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-3 May 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3821 By: Perry

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

1-21 relating to employing and training mental health professionals for
 1-22 the mental health program for veterans.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 434.352(a) and (b), Government Code,
 1-25 are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (a) The commission and the Health and Human [Department of
 1-27 State Health] Services Commission shall coordinate to administer
 1-28 the mental health program for veterans developed under Chapter
 1-29 1001, Health and Safety Code.

1-30 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the
 1-31 commission shall:

1-32 (1) provide training to peer service coordinators and
 1-33 peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

1-34 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service
 1-35 coordinators and peers;

1-36 (3) identify, train, and communicate with
 1-37 community-based licensed mental health professionals,
 1-38 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations;

1-39 (4) coordinate services for justice involved
 1-40 veterans; ~~and~~

1-41 (5) coordinate local delivery to veterans and
 1-42 immediate family members of veterans of mental health first aid for
 1-43 veterans training; and

1-44 (6) employ and train mental health professionals to
 1-45 assist the Health and Human Services Commission in the
 1-46 administration of the program.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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