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Chapter 45

S.B. No. 1533

AN ACT

relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 1001.201, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6) to read as follows:

(6) "University employee" means a person employed by a public or private institution of higher education who regularly interacts with students enrolled at the university through the course of the person's duties.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 1001.203, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.203. GRANTS FOR TRAINING CERTAIN UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS ~~[EDUCATORS]~~ IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

SECTION 3. Sections 1001.203(a), (c), and (e), Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the department for that purpose, the department shall make grants to local mental health authorities to provide an approved mental health first aid training program, administered by mental health first aid trainers, at no cost to university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers.

(c) The department shall grant \$100 to a local mental health

1 authority for each university employee, school district employee,
2 or school resource officer who successfully completes a mental
3 health first aid training program provided by the authority under
4 this section.

5 (e) A local mental health authority may contract with a
6 regional education service center to provide a mental health first
7 aid training program to university employees, school district
8 employees, and school resource officers [~~educators~~] under this
9 section.

10 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 1001.2031, Health and
11 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 Sec. 1001.2031. SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR TRAINING CERTAIN
13 UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES, SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES, AND SCHOOL
14 RESOURCE OFFICERS [~~EDUCATORS~~] IN MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID.

15 SECTION 5. Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Not later than September 30
18 of each year, a local mental health authority shall provide to the
19 department the number of:

20 (1) employees and contractors of the authority who
21 were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section
22 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year;

23 (2) university employees [~~educators~~], school district
24 employees [~~other than educators~~], and school resource officers who
25 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the
26 authority under Section 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal year;
27 and

1 (3) individuals who are not university employees,
2 school district employees, or school resource officers who
3 completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the
4 authority during the preceding fiscal year.

5 (b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the department
6 shall compile the information submitted by local mental health
7 authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a report to the
8 legislature containing the number of:

9 (1) authority employees and contractors trained as
10 mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year;

11 (2) university employees [~~educators~~], school district
12 employees [~~other than educators~~], and school resource officers who
13 completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an
14 authority during the preceding fiscal year; and

15 (3) individuals who are not university employees,
16 school district employees, or school resource officers who
17 completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an
18 authority during the preceding fiscal year.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Don Patuck
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1533 passed the Senate on April 20, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Daisy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1533 passed the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 8, one present not voting.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Greg Abbott
Governor

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April 3, 2017

TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1533 by Rodríguez (Relating to mental health first aid training for university employees.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to add university employees to the list of educators that can receive grant-funded mental health first aid training provided by the Local Mental Health Authorities. The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2017. The Health and Human Services Commission indicates that the current mental health first aid training program has sufficient available capacity to provide this training to university employees within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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