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Chapter 327

S.B. No. 55

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans and their families.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0992 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0992. GRANT PROGRAM FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. (a) To the extent funds are appropriated to the commission for that purpose, the commission shall establish a grant program for the purpose of supporting community mental health programs providing services and treatment to veterans and their families.

(b) The commission shall enter into an agreement with a qualified nonprofit or private entity to serve as the administrator of the grant program. The duties of the administrator must include assisting, supporting, and advising the commission in fulfilling the commission's responsibilities with respect to the grant program. The administrator may advise the commission on:

(1) designing, developing, implementing, and managing the program;

(2) determining criteria for local community collaboration and the types of services and deliveries eligible for grants;

(3) eligibility requirements for grant recipients;

- 1 (4) designing and managing the competitive bidding
- 2 processes for applications or proposals and the evaluation and
- 3 selection of grant recipients;
- 4 (5) contractual requirements for grant recipients;
- 5 (6) grant requisites and mechanisms;
- 6 (7) roles and responsibilities of grant recipients;
- 7 (8) reporting requirements for grant recipients;
- 8 (9) support and technical capabilities;
- 9 (10) requisite timelines and deadlines for the
- 10 program;
- 11 (11) evaluation of the program and grant recipients;
- 12 and
- 13 (12) requirements for reporting on the program to
- 14 policy makers.

15 (c) The private entity that supports and administers the
 16 grant program shall obtain or secure contributions to the grant
 17 program in an amount of money or other consideration at least equal
 18 in value to the amount of money awarded to grant recipients by the
 19 commission under the grant program. The money or other
 20 consideration obtained or secured by the private entity may, as
 21 determined by the executive commissioner, include cash or in-kind
 22 contributions from private contributors or local governments but
 23 may not include state or federal funds.

24 (d) Money appropriated to, or obtained by, the commission
 25 for the grant program must be disbursed directly to grant
 26 recipients by the commission, as authorized by the executive
 27 commissioner. Money or other consideration obtained or secured by

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1 the private entity must be disbursed or provided directly to grant
2 recipients by the private entity, private contributors, or local
3 governments, as authorized by the executive commissioner.

4 (e) All grants awarded under the grant program must be used
5 for the sole purpose of supporting community programs that provide
6 mental health care services and treatment to veterans and their
7 families and that coordinate mental health care services for
8 veterans and their families with other transition support services.

9 (f) The commission shall select grant recipients based on
10 the submission of applications or proposals by nonprofit and
11 governmental entities. The executive commissioner shall develop
12 criteria for the evaluation of those applications or proposals and
13 the selection of grant recipients. The selection criteria must:

14 (1) evaluate and score:

15 (A) fiscal controls for the project;

16 (B) project effectiveness;

17 (C) project cost; and

18 (D) an applicant's previous experience with
19 grants and contracts;

20 (2) address the possibility of and method for making
21 multiple awards; and

22 (3) include other factors that the executive
23 commissioner considers relevant.

24 (g) The executive commissioner shall use a noncompetitive
25 procurement procedure to select a qualified nonprofit or private
26 entity to administer a pilot program of the grant program
27 established under this section. In selecting the qualified

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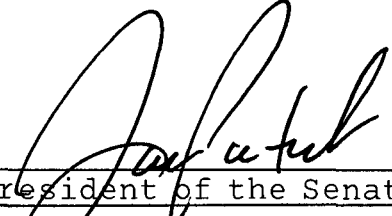
1 nonprofit or private entity, the executive commissioner must
2 consider the purposes of the program and the duties of the program
3 administrator described in this section.

4 (h) The executive commissioner shall adopt any rules
5 necessary to implement the grant program under this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2015. _____

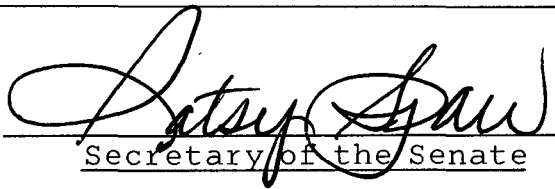
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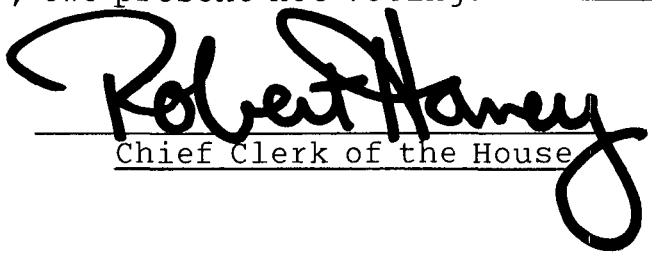

President of the Senate


Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 55 passed the Senate on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; May 20, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 24, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

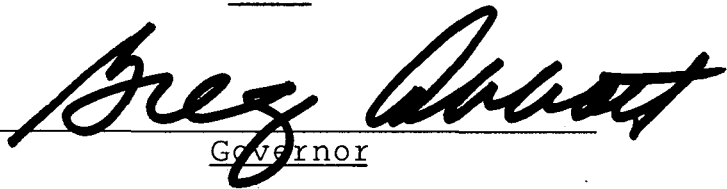

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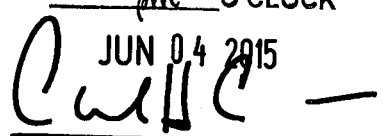
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 55 passed the House, with amendments, on May 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 5, one present not voting; May 24, 2015, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 7, two present not voting.


Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-3-2015
Date


Governor

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Secretary of State

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2015

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB55 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans and their families.), **Conference Committee Report**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB55, Conference Committee Report: a negative impact of (\$20,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$10,000,000)
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2020	(\$10,000,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
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2016	(\$10,000,000)
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to create a pilot grant program for the purpose of supporting community mental health programs providing services and treatment to veterans with mental illness.

Methodology

It is assumed that \$10,000,000 in General Revenue per fiscal year will be used for grants for veterans mental health services. Both the House and Senate introduced General Appropriations Bills include a rider that allocates \$10,000,000 in General Revenue per fiscal year for this purpose.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission

LBB Staff: UP, SS, FR, WP, VJC, KVe

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 20, 2015

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB55 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans with mental illness.), **As Passed 2nd House**

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 17, 2015

TO: Honorable Susan Lewis King, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB55 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans with mental illness.), **As Engrossed**

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 3, 2015

TO: Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB55 by Nelson (Relating to the creation of a grant program to support community mental health programs for veterans with mental illness.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB55, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$20,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

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