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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The State of Texas, via the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), compiles and issues a report from information collected by local mental health authorities (LMHAs) regarding mental health first aid training program attendance. The functions performed by HHSC were previously performed by the Department of State Health Services until the functions were transferred to HHSC in part by S.B. 200 (84R). The report does not provide complete data in order to accurately determine which categories of school personnel have taken part in the training and which public school campuses they are affiliated with.

H.B. 1070 requires HHSC to compile and report more complete data. The bill requires LMHAs to collect and report to HHSC the number of employees trained at educational facilities and categorized by LMHA region, school district, and type of personnel. The LMHAs are also required to collect and report to HHSC the number of trainers who left the mental health first aid training program and the active number of trainers. HHSC shall also compile and report the information submitted by LMHAs detailing expenditures of money appropriated for program implementation. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 1070 amends current law relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1001.205, Health and Safety Code, as follows:

Sec. 1001.205. REPORTS. (a) Requires a local mental health authority, not later than September 30 of each year, to provide to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) the number of:

(1) employees and contractors of the authority who were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section 1001.202 (Grants For Training of Mental Health First Aid Trainer) during the preceding fiscal year, the number of trainers who left the program for any reason during the preceding fiscal year, and the number of active trainers, rather than employees and contractors of the authority who were trained as mental health first aid trainers under Section 1001.202 during the preceding fiscal year;

(2) university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the authority under Section 1001.203 (Grants For Training Certain University Employees, School District Employees, and School Resource Officers in Mental Health First Aid) during the preceding fiscal year categorized by local mental health authority region, school district, and

category of personnel, rather than university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid training program offered by the authority under Section 1001.203 during the preceding fiscal year; and

(3) makes no changes to this subdivision.

(b) Makes nonsubstantive changes. Requires DSHS, not later than December 1 of each year, to compile the information submitted by local mental health authorities as required by Subsection (a) and submit a report to the legislature containing:

(1) the number of authority employees and contractors trained as mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year, the number of trainers who left the program for any reason during the preceding fiscal year, and the number of active trainers, rather than the number of authority employees and contractors trained as mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year;

(2) the number of university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an authority during the preceding fiscal year categorized by local mental health authority region, university or school district, as applicable, and category of personnel, rather than the number of university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an authority during the preceding fiscal year;

(3) the number of individuals who are not university employees, school district employees, or school resource officers who completed a mental health first aid training program provided by an authority during the preceding fiscal year; and

(4) a detailed accounting of expenditures of money appropriated for the purpose of implementing this subchapter (Mental Health Aid Training).

(c) Requires DSHS to develop and provide to local mental health authorities a form to be used for the reporting of information required under Subsection (a), including the reporting of each category of personnel described by that subsection.

SECTION 2. (a) Makes application of Section 1001.205(a), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, prospective to December 31, 2019.

(b) Makes application of Section 1001.205(b), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, prospective to March 1, 2020.

(c) Requires HHSC, not later than May 1, 2020, to develop and make available the form required under Section 1001.205(c), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: December 1, 2019.