

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

26 MAY 2017  
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick  
President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 27 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

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On the part of the House

**Note to Conference Committee Clerk:**  
Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.



# CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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S.B. No. 27

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the mental health program for veterans and to the authority to establish a trauma affected veterans clinical care and research center at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 74, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 74.155 to read as follows:

Sec. 74.155. NATIONAL CENTER FOR WARRIOR RESILIENCY. (a)

In this section:

(1) "Board" means the board of regents of The University of Texas System.

(2) "Center" means the National Center for Warrior Resiliency.

(b) The board may establish the National Center for Warrior Resiliency at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for purposes of:

(1) researching issues relating to the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder and comorbid conditions; and

(2) providing clinical care to enhance the psychological resiliency of military personnel and veterans.

(c) The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private source for the use and benefit of

1 the center.

2 SECTION 2. Section 434.351, Government Code, is amended by  
3 adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

4 (2-a) "Peer service coordinator" means a person who  
5 recruits and retains veterans, peers, and volunteers to participate  
6 in the mental health program for veterans and related activities.

7 SECTION 3. Section 434.352(b), Government Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (b) For the mental health program for veterans, the  
10 commission shall:

11 (1) provide training to peer service [~~volunteer~~]  
12 coordinators and peers in accordance with Section 434.353;

13 (2) provide technical assistance to peer service  
14 [~~volunteer~~] coordinators and peers;

15 (3) identify [~~recruit~~], train, and communicate with  
16 community-based licensed mental health professionals [~~therapists~~],  
17 community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations; and

18 (4) coordinate services for justice involved  
19 veterans.

20 SECTION 4. Section 434.353(a), Government Code, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 (a) The commission shall develop and implement methods for  
23 providing peer service [~~volunteer~~] coordinator certification  
24 training to peer service [~~volunteer~~] coordinators, including  
25 providing training for initial certification and recertification  
26 and providing continuing education.

27 SECTION 5. Section 1001.221, Health and Safety Code, is

amended by adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1-a) "Peer service coordinator" means a person who recruits and retains veterans, peers, and volunteers to participate in the mental health program for veterans and related activities.

SECTION 6. Section 1001.222(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall develop a mental health intervention program for veterans. The program must include:

(1) peer-to-peer counseling;

(2) access to licensed mental health professionals for peer service ~~[volunteer]~~ coordinators and peers;

(3) training approved by the department for peer service coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;

(4) technical assistance for peer service ~~[volunteer]~~ coordinators, licensed mental health professionals, and peers;

(5) identification ~~[grants to regional and local organizations providing services under this subchapter,~~

~~[(6) recruitment]~~, retention, and screening of community-based licensed mental health professionals ~~[therapists]~~;

(6) ~~[(7)]~~ suicide prevention training for peer service ~~[volunteer]~~ coordinators and peers; and

(7) ~~[(8)]~~ veteran jail diversion services, including veterans treatment courts.

SECTION 7. Section 1001.224, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.224. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of

1 each year, the department shall submit a report to the governor and  
2 the legislature that includes:

3 (1) the number of veterans who received services  
4 through the mental health program for veterans;

5 (2) the number of peers and peer service ~~[volunteer]~~  
6 coordinators trained;

7 ~~(3) [a summary of the grants awarded and services~~  
8 ~~provided through those grants];~~

9 ~~[(4)]~~ an evaluation of the services provided under  
10 this subchapter; and

11 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ recommendations for program improvements.

12 SECTION 8. The following laws are repealed:

13 (1) Section 434.351(4), Government Code;

14 (2) Section 1001.221(3), Health and Safety Code; and

15 (3) Section 1001.223, Health and Safety Code.

16 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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SENATE VERSION

*No equivalent provision.*

HOUSE VERSION (IE)

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(1) researching issues relating to the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder and comorbid conditions; and  
(2) providing clinical care to enhance the psychological resiliency of military personnel and veterans.  
(c) The organization, control, and management of the center are vested in the board.  
(d) The board shall:  
(1) provide for the employment of staff and an operating budget for the center; and  
(2) select a site for the center at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.  
(e) The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private source for the use and benefit of the center.  
(f) The center may enter into agreements or otherwise collaborate with public or private entities, including other public institutions of higher education, private or independent institutions of higher education, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the United States Department of Defense, the National Institutes of Health,

CONFERENCE

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	<u>and the Texas Veterans Commission, to perform the research functions of the center.</u> <u>(g) An employee of the center is an employee of The University of Texas System.</u> [FA1]	
SECTIONS 1-6. Sections 434.351, 434.352(b), and 434.353(a), Government Code, and Sections 1001.221, 1001.222(a), and 1001.224, Health and Safety Code, are amended.	SECTIONS 1-6. Same as Senate version.	SECTIONS 2-7. Same as Senate version.
SECTION 7. Repealers	SECTION 7. Same as Senate version.	SECTION 8. Same as Senate version.
SECTION 8. Effective date.	SECTION 8. Same as Senate version.	SECTION 9. Same as Senate version.



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 27, 2017**

**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: SB27** by Campbell (Relating to the mental health program for veterans and to the authority to establish a trauma affected veterans clinical care and research center at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.), **Conference Committee Report**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Education Code to authorize The University of Texas (UT) System Board of Regents to establish the National Center for Warrior Resiliency at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. The Center would be established to provide clinical care and research of issues relating to combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder and comorbid conditions. The bill would allow the UT System Board of Regents to solicit, accept, and administer gifts and grants from any public or private source for the Center.

The bill would also amend the Health and Safety Code Chapter 1001 to require the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to include training and technical assistance for peer service coordinators and licensed mental health professionals in the mental health program for veterans.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

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


**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

**LBB Staff:** UP, SD, KCA, EP, MDI, LBO, GGo

**Certification of Compliance with**  
**Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

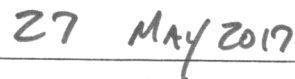
Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order under Rule 13.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on SB 27 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.



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