

- SUBJECT:** Expanding certain reporting requirements for DSHS and LMHAs
- COMMITTEE:** Public Health — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 10 ayes — S. Thompson, Allison, Coleman, Frank, Guerra, Lucio, Ortega, Price, Sheffield, Zedler
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Wray
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Cynthia Humphrey, Association of Substance Abuse Programs; Chris Masey, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; Alyssa Thomason, Doctors for Change; Lindsay Lanagan, Legacy Community Health; Bill Kelly, City of Houston Mayor’s Office; Annalee Gulley, Mental Health America of Greater Houston; Christine Yanas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.; Alissa Sughrue, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Texas; Eric Kunish, National Alliance on Mental Illness-Austin; Will Francis, National Association of Social Workers-Texas Chapter; Josette Saxton, Texans Care for Children; Paige Williams, Texas Classroom Teachers Association; Lee Johnson, Texas Council of Community Centers; Gavin Gadberry, Texas Health Care Association; Andrew Cates, Texas Nurses Association; Carol Grothues, Texas Psychological Association; Rebecca Harkleroad, Texas School Nurses Organization; Lisa Dawn-Fisher, Texas State Teachers Association; Jennifer Lucy, TexProtects; Nataly Saucedo, United Ways of Texas; Carl F. Hunter; Columba Wilson)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Lillian Nguyen, Health and Human Services Commission)
- BACKGROUND:** Health and Safety Code sec. 1001.205 requires a local mental health authority (LMHA) to submit an annual report by September 30 to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). The LMHA's report

includes the number of:

- employees and contractors of the authority who were trained as mental health first aid trainers during the preceding fiscal year; and
- university employees, school district employees, school resource officers, and other individuals who completed a mental health first aid training program provided by the authority during the preceding fiscal year.

DSHS is required to compile this information and submit an annual report to the Legislature by December 1.

DIGEST:

HB 1070 would require the local mental health authorities (LMHA) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to include additional information in their annual reports. LMHAs would have to include the number of active mental health first aid trainers and the number who left the program for any reason during the preceding fiscal year. They also would have to categorize university employees, school district employees, and school resource officers by LMHA region, school district, and category of personnel.

The bill would require DSHS in its report to compile this information along with a detailed accounting of expenditures of money appropriated for implementing mental health first aid training.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019, and would apply to LMHA and DSHS reports due after September 30, 2019, and December 1, 2019, respectively.

**SUPPORTERS
SAY:**

HB 1070 would require local mental health authorities to submit more comprehensive data to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regarding mental health first aid training program attendance. The additional data would help determine which schools have access to this valuable training.

OPPONENTS No concerns identified.
SAY: