



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. 5342 (house committee report) by striking all
2 below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

3 SECTION 1. Chapter 547, Government Code, is amended by
4 adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

5 SUBCHAPTER K. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES

6 Sec. 547.0551. 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE TRUST FUND.

7 (a) In this section, "trust company" means the Texas Treasury
8 Safekeeping Trust Company.

9 (b) The 988 suicide and crisis lifeline trust fund is
10 established as a trust fund outside the state treasury to be
11 administered by the commission.

12 (c) The trust fund consists of:

13 (1) gifts, grants, and donations, including federal
14 funds, received by this state for the purposes of the trust fund;
15 and

16 (2) interest, dividends, and other income of the trust
17 fund.

18 (d) Money deposited in the trust fund may only be used to:

19 (1) implement, maintain, or improve the 988 Suicide &
20 Crisis Lifeline, including personnel and technological
21 infrastructure improvements necessary to achieve operational and
22 clinical standards and best practices as provided by the 988
23 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline; and

24 (2) pay the trust company's expenses of managing the
25 trust fund's assets.

26 (e) The trust company shall hold and invest the trust
27 fund. The trust fund may be invested with the state treasury pool
28 and may be pooled with other state assets for purposes of
29 investment.

1 (f) The overall objective for the investment of the trust
2 fund is to maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the needs of the
3 trust fund.

4 (g) The trust company may acquire, exchange, sell,
5 supervise, manage, or retain any kind of investment that a prudent
6 investor, exercising reasonable care, skill, and caution, would
7 acquire or retain in light of the purposes, terms, distribution
8 requirements, and other circumstances of the trust fund then
9 prevailing, taking into consideration the investment of all the
10 assets of the trust fund rather than a single investment.

11 (h) The reasonable expenses of managing the trust fund's
12 assets shall be paid from the trust fund.

13 (i) The commission at least annually, and more frequently as
14 appropriate, shall provide to the trust company a forecast of the
15 cash flows into and out of the trust fund to ensure the trust
16 company is able to achieve the purposes of this section.

17 (j) The state may not transfer or use trust fund assets for
18 any purpose other than the uses provided in this section.

19 Sec. 547.0552. CRISIS CENTER ANNUAL REPORT. (a) In this
20 section, "crisis center" means a center participating in the 988
21 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline network to respond to statewide or
22 regional communications.

23 (b) The commission shall prepare an annual report of the
24 usage of crisis centers in this state and the services provided by
25 the centers.

26 (c) The commission shall present the annual report to the
27 legislature and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
28 Administration.

29 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "commission" means the
30 Health and Human Services Commission.

31 (b) The commission, in collaboration with the Commission on

1 State Emergency Communications and any other state agency the
2 commission determines appropriate, shall conduct a study on the
3 implementation of funding mechanisms to support the operation of
4 the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, including an evaluation of the
5 feasibility of establishing a service fee on telecommunication
6 services.

7 (c) The study must evaluate how the establishment of a
8 telecommunication service fee or other funding mechanism will help:

9 (1) implement, maintain, or improve the 988 Suicide &
10 Crisis Lifeline, including providing for sufficient staffing
11 levels, implementing technological improvements, and developing
12 the capacity of the lifeline to respond to text messages and other
13 online messages;

14 (2) enhance local response for crisis intervention
15 services; and

16 (3) meet any increased demand on crisis intervention
17 services as a result of any public awareness campaigns regarding
18 the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

19 (d) Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall
20 prepare and submit a report to the legislature on the findings of
21 the study, including any recommendations for enhancing the crisis
22 intervention services capacity of this state and an analysis of the
23 efficacy of implementing a telecommunication service fee or other
24 funding mechanism for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

25 (e) This section expires September 1, 2027.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.