

HOUSE BILL No. 2210

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to readjustment and mental health
2 services.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Not later than one year from the date of enactment of
6 this act, the executive director of the Kansas commission on veterans
7 affairs shall establish a program to provide to veterans of any branch of
8 the armed forces of the United States and their spouses and dependents,
9 the following:

10 (1) Mental health services for combat-related conditions including,
11 but not limited to, combat fatigue, post-traumatic stress and depression;
12 and

13 (2) readjustment counseling and services.

14 (b) To the extent necessary to implement the provisions of
15 subsection (a), the director may contract with local community mental
16 health centers to provide services to veterans and their spouses and
17 dependents in areas the director determines are not adequately served by
18 the health care facilities of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs.
19 Such contracts shall require each contracting community mental health
20 center:

21 (1) To participate in the training program pursuant to subsection (c);

22 (2) to submit annual reports to the director containing, with respect
23 to the program required by subsection (a) and for the last full calendar
24 year ending before the submission of such report:

25 (A) The number of veterans, spouses and dependents served and
26 diagnosed, and courses of treatment provided to veterans, spouses and
27 dependents as part of the program required by subsection (a); and

28 (B) demographic information for such services, diagnoses and
29 courses of treatment;

30 (3) for each veteran, spouse or dependent for whom a community
31 mental health center provides mental health services under such contract,
32 to provide the Kansas commission on veterans affairs with such clinical
33 summary information as the director shall require; and

34 (4) to meet such other requirements as the director shall require.

35 (c) The director shall conduct a training program for clinicians of
36 community mental health centers that have contracts under subsection (b)

1 to ensure that such clinicians can provide the services required by
2 subsection (a) in a manner that recognizes factors that are unique to the
3 experience of veterans who served on active duty, and their spouses and
4 dependents.

5 (d) Not later than three months after the date of the enactment of this
6 act, the director shall submit to the committee on veterans, military and
7 homeland security of the house of representatives a report containing the
8 plans of the director to implement the program required by subsection (a).

9 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.

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