

SUPPORT HB 15/HJR 135

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ESTABLISHES THE MENTAL HEALTH AND BRAIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS
HB 15/HJR 135 positions Texas to be the national leader in mental health and brain research by investing **\$3 billion over ten years** to expedite innovative research to prevent, treat, and cure mental health and brain-related diseases and disorders.

1 ATTRACTS THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST

Stable research funding and a demonstrated commitment to brain health will attract distinguished researchers and their teams to Texas, providing an opportunity to recruit, develop, and train the professionals necessary to address our healthcare workforce crisis.

2 ENSURES TEXANS BENEFIT

Cutting-edge research within the state will make the latest in research trials, treatment, and technology available to Texans.

3 INCREASES PRIVATE-SECTOR INVESTMENT

Research funding will draw private-sector investment, building an ecosystem of innovation and a pipeline for treatments.

NEARLY **20% OF VETERANS**

returning from Iraq and Afghanistan reported symptoms of **post-traumatic stress disorder** or **major depression**.

More than **1.4 million veterans** live in Texas – the most of any state.

Nine of the most common **neurological diseases** cost approximately

\$800 BILLION PER YEAR.

By 2030, **\$600 billion** will be spent annually treating **stroke** and **dementia**, alone.



TEXANS ARE SUFFERING PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND FINANCIALLY

Mental Health and Brain-Related Diseases and Disorders Impact Millions of Texans Every Year

- Mental illnesses including anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia
- Traumatic brain injury (TBI)
- Alzheimer's disease
- Stroke
- Multiple sclerosis (MS)
- Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
- Chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE)



SUICIDE is the **second leading cause of death** among people between the

AGES OF 10-14 & 25-35.

NEARLY **1 IN 3 TEEN GIRLS**

seriously considered attempting suicide in 2021 – **up nearly 60%** from a decade ago.

The number of people **AGED 65 & OLDER** with **Alzheimer's** will **increase 22.5%** by 2025, reaching

490,000 TEXANS.

By 2036, the population of Texans aged 65 and older is projected to grow by 78%.

Finding treatments and cures for neurodegenerative diseases is a race against time.



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Texas Alliance of Brain Injury Providers



Physicians Caring for Texans

