

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides that the North Texas State Hospital, formerly known as the Vernon-Wichita Falls State Hospital, is included under the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR). This bill would reorganize the composition of the TXMHMR and other mental health facilities.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 261 sets forth the facilities and functions of facilities under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 532.001(b), Health and Safety Code, to provide that community services operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR) include the North Texas State Hospital, rather than Vernon-Wichita Falls State Hospital. Deletes- from the list of facilities operated by TXMHMR the Harris County Psychiatric Center, Dallas Mental Health Connections, El Paso Psychiatric Hospital, and Lubbock Psychiatric Hospital. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 571.003(21), Health and Safety Code, to redefine "state mental hospital."

SECTION 3. Amends Section 574.041, Health and Safety Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d), to require a court to commit a patient to a private mental hospital under contract with the single portal authority for an area. Defines "facility of a single portal authority." Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Chapter 596, Health and Safety Code (Public Responsibility Committees).

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Relating clause.

Amends the relating clause to add facilities and functions of facilities under the jurisdiction of TXMHMR. Deletes text regarding certain mental health services and facilities.

SECTION 3.

Amends Section 574.041, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (d). Deletes text regarding private mental hospitals under contract with the single portal authority. Defines "facility of a single portal authority." Makes a conforming change.