

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1057
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DIGEST

Currently, several facilities operated by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (department) have either closed or been renamed; however, current law does not account for these changes. Examples include the Fort Worth State School and the Travis State School. This legislation updates the Health and Safety Code to reflect recent closings and name changes. In addition, C.S.S.B. 1057 provides that the department includes community services operated by the Dallas Mental Health Connections, the El Paso Psychiatric Hospital, and the Lubbock Psychiatric Hospital, and identifies these entities, as well as other facilities listed in Section 532.001(b) of the Health and Safety Code, as "state mental hospitals."

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1057 establishes provisions regarding the composition of and certain services operated by 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 the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (department) also includes community services operated by the department, the Vernon-Wichita Falls State Hospital, rather than the Vernon State Hospital, the Dallas Mental Health Connections, the El Paso Psychiatric Hospital, and the Lubbock Psychiatric Hospital, among others. Deletes the Wichita Falls State Hospital, the Fort Worth State School, the Travis State School, and the Leander Rehabilitation Center from the list of department facilities. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Subdivision (21), Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code, to redefine "state mental hospital" as a mental hospital operated by the department or an inpatient mental health facility that is included in Section 532.001(b).

SECTION 3. Repealers: Chapters 552C and D, Health and Safety Code (San Antonio State Hospital and Austin State Hospital); Section 553.021, Health and Safety Code (Lufkin State School); and Chapters 554B-D, Health and Safety Code (Laredo State Center, Leander Rehabilitation Center, and Dallas Neuropsychiatric Institute).

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 532.001(b), Health and Safety Code, to include community services operated by the Dallas Mental Health Connections, the El Paso Psychiatric Hospital, and the

Lubbock Psychiatric Hospital among the list of facility operations included within the department.

SECTION 2.

Amends Subdivision (21), Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code, to redefine "state mental hospital" to mean an inpatient mental health facility that is included in Section 532.001(b), rather than that is designated by the board under Section 577.0035.

Deletes former SECTION 3, regarding designation of certain inpatient mental health facilities as state mental hospitals.