

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the first \$50,000 of a trust that belongs to a client of a mental health community center or a patient at a state hospital is not liable for the client's or patient's support. H.B. 1316 raises the amount at which a trust becomes liable for a patient's or client's care to \$250,000.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 534.0175(a), Health and Safety Code, to increase the maximum amount of the aggregate principal of a trust from \$50,000 to \$250,000 the corpus or income of which is not to be considered to be the property of a client that is liable for the client's support. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.018(a), Health and Safety Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.