

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, eight state mental hospitals serve the entire state. Preparing and conducting court-ordered mental health hearings regarding hospital patients requires work and funds from the county in which the hospital is located. Usually, that county is reimbursed by the county of residence of the patient for statutory and document preparation fees. As proposed, S.B. 581 codifies the authorization of the hearing county to charge the county of residence for certain costs.

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 571.018, Health and Safety Code, to authorize a county in which a state mental hospital is located, if it has incurred costs in the preparation of documents related to mental health proceedings for a patient or proposed patient in connection with treatment at the state mental hospital, to charge the county of residence of the patient or proposed patient for those costs.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.