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S.B. No. 2468

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding available beds at inpatient mental health facilities providing acute psychiatric treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. (a) In this section, "commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(b) The commission shall conduct a study regarding the availability of beds at inpatient mental health facilities in this state that provide acute inpatient psychiatric treatment. The study must evaluate:

(1) the current number of psychiatric beds available at inpatient mental health facilities in this state that provide inpatient psychiatric treatment to individuals experiencing an acute mental health crisis, including a breakdown of:

(i) the number of beds available for competency restoration;

(ii) the number of beds available to patients who are subject to a civil commitment order;

(iii) the number of beds available to patients who are 18 years of age or older as well as the number of beds available to patients that are 17 years of age or younger; and

(iv) the percentage of current patients receiving inpatient psychiatric treatment in this state that are likely to require long term care;

1 (2) the current number of patients at inpatient mental
2 health facilities in this state that provide inpatient psychiatric
3 treatment to individuals experiencing an acute mental crisis,
4 including a breakdown of the following:

5 (i) the number of patients admitted to these
6 facilities for competency restoration purposes;

7 (ii) the number of patients admitted to these
8 facilities as a result of a civil commitment order;

9 (iii) the number of patients admitted to these
10 facilities who are 18 years of age or older as well as the number of
11 patients who are 17 years of age or younger; and

12 (iv) the number of patients admitted to these
13 facilities that have been diagnosed with an intellectual or
14 developmental disability;

15 (3) the projected need over the next several years for
16 additional psychiatric beds at inpatient mental health facilities
17 that provide inpatient psychiatric treatment to those individuals,
18 including an estimation of the percent of incoming patients that
19 will require long term care; and

20 (4) current and anticipated resources necessary to
21 meet the demands described by Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).

22 (c) In designing and conducting the study, the commission
23 may collaborate with institutions of higher education in this state
24 that award medical degrees.

25 (d) Not later than September 1, 2024, the commission shall
26 prepare and submit to the legislature a written report containing
27 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or

1 other action.

2 SECTION 2. This Act expires September 1, 2025.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.