

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB21** by Corte (Relating to admission to and discharge from facilities for voluntary inpatient mental health services for persons younger than 18 years of age.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Sections 572.001 (a) and (c) in the Health and Safety Code to provide that a parent, guardian, or managing conservator may request admission of a minor of any age for inpatient mental health care. The bill also provides the right to persons admitted under certain circumstances to be periodically evaluated by a physician on the need for continued inpatient treatment. Finally, the bill would require notification of a request for discharge made by these same patients.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 655 Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

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