

By: Pitts

H.B. No. 137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an appropriation to the Department of State Health
3 Services for increasing state mental health hospital capacity.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) In addition to amounts previously
6 appropriated for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007,
7 the following amounts are appropriated to the Department of State
8 Health Services for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2007,
9 for the purpose of increasing state mental health hospital
10 capacity:

11 (1) the amount of \$34,000,000 out of the general
12 revenue fund; and

13 (2) the amount of \$7,700,000 in mental health Medicare
14 reimbursements (revenue code 3634).

15 (b) In addition to the number of full-time equivalent
16 employees (FTEs) the Department of State Health Services is
17 authorized by other law to employ during the following periods, the
18 department may employ:

19 (1) an additional 175 FTEs during the state fiscal
20 year ending August 31, 2006; and

21 (2) an additional 397 FTEs during the state fiscal
22 year ending August 31, 2007.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
4 legislative session.