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S.B. No. 307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to persons who participate in a mental health court
3 program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 616.002, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 616.002. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM. The
8 commissioners court of a county may establish a mental health court
9 program for persons who:

10 (1) have been arrested for or charged with a
11 misdemeanor or felony; and

12 (2) are suspected by a law enforcement agency or a
13 court of having a mental illness or mental retardation.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.