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H.B. No. 654

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 654:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot project to develop and operate a crisis
stabilization unit on Kerrville State Hospital grounds.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Health and Safety
Code, is amended by adding Section 551.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.009. HILL COUNTRY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT PILOT PROJECT. (a) The Department of
State Health Services shall implement a crisis stabilization unit
pilot project by establishing and operating a crisis stabilization
unit on the grounds of the Kerrville State Hospital as provided by
this section. The unit must be a 16-bed facility separate from the
buildings used by the Kerrville State Hospital.

(b) The department shall contract with the local mental
health authority serving the Hill Country area, including Kerr
County, to operate the crisis stabilization unit. The department
shall ensure that the crisis stabilization unit provides short-term
residential treatment, including medical and nursing services,
designed to reduce a patient's acute symptoms of mental illness and
prevent a patient's admission to an inpatient mental health
facility.

(c) The local mental health authority shall contract with
Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service,
lawn care, and equipment rental to the crisis stabilization unit.

1 The local mental health authority may contract with Kerrville State
2 Hospital to provide pharmaceutical services for the crisis
3 stabilization unit.

4 (d) The crisis stabilization unit may not be used to provide
5 care to:

6 (1) children; or

7 (2) adults sentenced to a state mental facility as
8 provided by Chapter 46C, Code of Criminal Procedure.

9 (e) The local mental health authority operating the crisis
10 stabilization unit under contract may use for the purpose of
11 operating the unit money appropriated to the department for state
12 hospitals and allocated to the local mental health authority.

13 (f) The department, in collaboration with the local mental
14 health authority, shall ensure that the crisis stabilization unit
15 is made available to other mental health authorities for use as
16 designated by the department.

17 (g) Not later than December 1, 2008, the Department of State
18 Health Services shall submit a report to the governor, the
19 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
20 representatives that includes:

21 (1) an analysis of the effectiveness of the pilot
22 project; and

23 (2) recommendations regarding the continuation or
24 expansion of the pilot project.

25 (h) This section expires September 1, 2009.

26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 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 September 1, 2007.