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H.B. No. 654

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Department of State Health Services contracting for a community psychiatric hospital to be located 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. KERRVILLE COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL.

(a) The department shall contract with a community mental health center to operate a community inpatient psychiatric hospital on the grounds of Kerrville State Hospital, in a facility separate from the buildings used by Kerrville State Hospital. The community mental health center must be qualified to provide under the contract integrated psychiatric care, nursing care, psychiatric rehabilitation, psychology services, and social work services.

(b) The community mental health center shall contract with Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service, lawn care, and equipment rental to the community inpatient psychiatric hospital. The community mental health center may contract with Kerrville State Hospital to provide pharmaceutical services for the community inpatient psychiatric hospital.

(c) The community inpatient psychiatric hospital may not be used to provide care to:

(1) children; or

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

3 SECTION 2. 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, 2007.