1-1 By: Hilderbran, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Fraser)   H.B. No. 654
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2007;
1-3 May 2, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 11, 2007, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 11, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-6   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7   AN ACT

1-8 relating to a pilot project to develop and operate a crisis
1-9 stabilization unit on Kerrville State Hospital grounds.
1-10   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Health and Safety
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 551.009 to read as follows:
1-13   Sec. 551.009. HILL COUNTRY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
1-14 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT PILOT PROJECT.   (a)   The Department of
1-15 State Health Services shall implement a crisis stabilization unit
1-16 pilot project by establishing and operating a crisis stabilization
1-17 unit on the grounds of the Kerrville State Hospital as provided by
1-18 this section. The unit must be a 16-bed facility separate from the
1-19 buildings used by the Kerrville State Hospital.
1-20   (b)   The department shall contract with the local mental
1-21 health authority serving the Hill Country area, including Kerr
1-22 County, to operate the crisis stabilization unit. The department
1-23 shall ensure that the crisis stabilization unit provides short-term
1-24 residential treatment, including medical and nursing services,
1-25 designed to reduce a patient's acute symptoms of mental illness and
1-26 prevent a patient's admission to an inpatient mental health
1-27 facility.
1-28   (c)   The local mental health authority shall contract with
1-29 Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service,
1-30 lawn care, and equipment rental to the crisis stabilization unit.
1-31 The local mental health authority may contract with Kerrville State
1-32 Hospital to provide pharmaceutical services for the crisis
1-33 stabilization unit.
1-34   (d)   The crisis stabilization unit may not be used to provide
1-35 care to:
1-36   (1)   children; or
1-37   (2)   adults sentenced to a state mental facility as
1-38 provided by Chapter 46C, Code of Criminal Procedure.
1-39   (e)   The local mental health authority operating the crisis
1-40 stabilization unit under contract shall use, for the purpose of
1-41 operating the 16-bed unit, the money appropriated to the department
1-42 for operating 16 beds in state hospitals that is allocated to the
1-43 local mental health authority.   The department shall ensure that
1-44 the local mental health authority retains the remainder of the
1-45 local authority's state hospital allocation that is not used for
1-46 operating the 16-bed unit. The department may allocate additional
1-47 funds appropriated to the department for state hospitals to the
1-48 crisis stabilization unit pilot project.
1-49   (f)   The department shall reduce the number of beds the
1-50 department operates in the state hospital by 16. The department, in
1-51 collaboration with the local mental health authority, shall ensure
1-52 that the 16 beds in the crisis stabilization unit are made available
1-53 to other mental health authorities for use as designated by the
1-54 department.
1-55   (g)   Not later than December 1, 2008, the Department of State
1-56 Health Services shall submit a report to the governor, the
1-57 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
1-58 representatives that includes:
1-59   (1)   an analysis of the effectiveness of the pilot
1-60 project; and
1-61   (2)   recommendations regarding the continuation or
1-62 expansion of the pilot project.
1-63   (h)   This section expires September 1, 2009.
1-64   SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4   Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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