

Amend HB 2917 (Senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1389 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1389. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: OFFICE OF VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT. (a) The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management is entitled to obtain from the department criminal history record information that is maintained by the department and that relates to a person who has applied with the office to be:

(1) an employee of the office; or

(2) a contracted service provider with the office.

(b) Criminal history record information obtained by the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management under Subsection (a) may not be released or disclosed to any person or agency except on court order or with the consent of the person who is the subject of the information.

(c) The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management shall destroy criminal history record information obtained under Subsection (a) as soon as practicable after the date on which, as applicable:

(1) the person's employment or contract with the office terminates; or

(2) the office decides not to employ or contract with the person.

SECTION _____. Subtitle B, Title 4, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 420A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 420A. OFFICE OF VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

Sec. 420A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the governing board of the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

(2) "Office" means the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

Sec. 420A.002. OFFICE; GOVERNING BOARD. (a) The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management is a state agency.

(b) The office is governed by a board composed of the

following three members appointed by the governor:

(1) one member experienced in the management of sex offenders;

(2) one member experienced in the investigation or prosecution of sex offenses; and

(3) one member experienced in counseling or advocating on behalf of victims of sexual assault.

(c) Members of the board serve staggered two-year terms. Two members' terms expire February 1 of each even-numbered year and one member's term expires February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

(d) A member of the board is entitled to travel expenses incurred in performing official duties and to a per diem equal to the maximum amount allowed on January 1 of that year for federal employees per diem for federal income tax purposes, subject to the same limitations provided for members of state boards and commissions in the General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 420A.003. PRESIDING OFFICER; MEETINGS. (a) The governor shall designate a member of the board as presiding officer. The presiding officer serves at the discretion of the governor.

(b) The board shall meet at least quarterly and at other times at the call of the presiding officer.

Sec. 420A.004. SUNSET PROVISION. The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management is subject to Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued in existence as provided by that chapter, the office is abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2021.

Sec. 420A.005. GRANTS AND DONATIONS. On behalf of the state, the office may apply for and accept grants and donations from any source to be used by the office in the performance of the duties of the office.

Sec. 420A.006. PUBLIC INTEREST INFORMATION. The office shall prepare information of public interest describing the functions of the office and the procedures by which complaints are filed with and resolved by the office. The office shall make the information available to the public and appropriate state agencies.

Sec. 420A.007. BIENNIAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the office shall submit to the

governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives a report concerning the operation of the office. The office may include in the report any recommendations that the office considers appropriate.

Sec. 420A.008. STAFF. The office may select and employ a general counsel, staff attorneys, and other staff necessary to perform the office's functions.

Sec. 420A.009. SALARY CAREER LADDER FOR CASE MANAGERS. (a) The board shall adopt a salary career ladder for case managers. The salary career ladder must base a case manager's salary on the manager's classification and years of service with the office.

(b) For purposes of the salary schedule, the office shall classify all case manager positions as Case Manager I, Case Manager II, Case Manager III, Case Manager IV, or Case Manager V.

(c) Under the salary career ladder adopted under Subsection (a), a case manager to whom the schedule applies and who received an overall evaluation of at least satisfactory in the case manager's most recent annual evaluation is entitled to an annual salary increase, during each of the case manager's first 10 years of service in a designated case manager classification as described by Subsection (b), equal to one-tenth of the difference between:

(1) the case manager's current annual salary; and
(2) the minimum annual salary of a case manager in the next highest classification.

Sec. 420A.010. POWERS AND DUTIES. The office shall perform appropriate functions related to the sex offender civil commitment program provided under Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code, including functions related to the provision of treatment and supervision to civilly committed sex offenders.

SECTION _____. Subdivisions (3) and (4), Section 841.002, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(3) "Case manager" means a person employed by or under contract with the office [~~council~~] to perform duties related to outpatient treatment and supervision of a person committed under this chapter.

(4) "Office" [~~"Council"~~] means the Office of Violent

Sex Offender Management [~~Council on Sex Offender Treatment~~].

SECTION _____. Section 841.007, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.007. DUTIES OF OFFICE OF VIOLENT SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT [~~COUNCIL ON SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT~~]. The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management [~~Council on Sex Offender Treatment~~] is responsible for providing appropriate and necessary treatment and supervision through the case management system.

SECTION _____. Subsection (a), Section 841.022, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the commissioner of the [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health Services [~~Mental Health and Mental Retardation~~] jointly shall establish a multidisciplinary team to review available records of a person referred to the team under Section 841.021. The team must include:

(1) one person [~~two persons~~] from the [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health Services [~~Mental Health and Mental Retardation~~];

(2) two persons from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, one of whom must be from the victim services office of that department;

(3) one person from the [~~Texas~~] Department of Public Safety; [~~and~~]

(4) two persons from the office [~~council~~] or office [~~council~~] personnel; and

(5) one person from the Council on Sex Offender Treatment.

SECTION _____. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 841.082, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Before entering an order directing a person's outpatient civil commitment, the judge shall impose on the person requirements necessary to ensure the person's compliance with treatment and supervision and to protect the community. The requirements shall include:

(1) requiring the person to reside in a Texas residential facility under contract with the office [~~council~~] or at

another location or facility approved by the office [~~council~~];

(2) prohibiting the person's contact with a victim or potential victim of the person;

(3) prohibiting the person's possession or use of alcohol, inhalants, or a controlled substance;

(4) requiring the person's participation in and compliance with a specific course of treatment provided by the office and compliance with all written requirements imposed by the case manager or otherwise by the office;

(5) requiring the person to:

(A) submit to tracking under a particular type of tracking service and to any other appropriate supervision; and

(B) refrain from tampering with, altering, modifying, obstructing, or manipulating the tracking equipment;

(6) prohibiting the person from changing the person's residence without prior authorization from the judge and from leaving the state without that prior authorization;

(7) if determined appropriate by the judge, establishing a child safety zone in the same manner as a child safety zone is established by a judge under Section 13B, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, and requiring the person to comply with requirements related to the safety zone; and

(8) ~~[requiring the person to notify the case manager immediately but in any event within 24 hours of any change in the person's status that affects proper treatment and supervision, including a change in the person's physical health or job status and including any incarceration of the person; and~~

~~[-9)]~~ any other requirements determined necessary by the judge.

(c) The judge shall provide a copy of the requirements imposed under Subsection (a) to the person and to the office [~~council~~]. The office [~~council~~] shall provide a copy of those requirements to the case manager and to the service providers.

SECTION _____. Section 841.083, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.083. TREATMENT; SUPERVISION. (a) The office [~~council~~] shall approve and contract for the provision of a

treatment plan for the committed person to be developed by the treatment provider. A treatment plan may include the monitoring of the person with a polygraph or plethysmograph. The treatment provider may receive annual compensation in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 [~~\$6,000~~] for providing the required treatment.

(b) The case manager shall provide supervision to the person. The provision of supervision must [~~shall~~] include a tracking service and, if required by court order, supervised housing.

(c) The office [~~council~~] shall enter into appropriate memoranda of understanding with the [~~Texas~~] Department of Public Safety for the provision of a tracking service and with the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement authorities for assistance in the preparation of criminal complaints, warrants, and related documents and in the apprehension and arrest of a person.

~~[(c-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (c) or any other provision of this subchapter, the council shall provide through the case management system any supervision or tracking service required under this chapter for persons residing in Dallas, Harris, or Tarrant County. The council shall provide the tracking service under this subsection through two employees of the Department of State Health Services. Any tracking personnel used by the department for purposes of this chapter must be approved by the council.]~~

~~[(c-2) If the equipment necessary to implement the tracking service is available through a contract entered into by the comptroller, the Department of Public Safety or the council, as appropriate, shall acquire that equipment through that contract.]~~

(d) The office [~~council~~] shall enter into appropriate memoranda of understanding for any necessary supervised housing. The office [~~council~~] shall reimburse the applicable provider for housing costs under this section. The committed person may not be housed for any period of time in a mental health facility, state school, or community center, unless the placement results from a commitment of the person to that facility, school, or center by governmental action. In this subsection:

(1) "Community center" means a center established under Subchapter A, Chapter 534.

(2) "Mental health facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 571.003.

(3) "State school" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.002.

(e) The case manager shall:

(1) coordinate the outpatient treatment and supervision required by this chapter, including performing a periodic assessment of the success of that treatment and supervision;

(2) make timely recommendations to the judge on whether to allow the committed person to change residence or to leave the state and on any other appropriate matters; and

(3) provide a report to the office [~~council~~], semiannually or more frequently as necessary, which must include:

(A) any known change in the person's status that affects proper treatment and supervision; and

(B) any recommendations made to the judge.

SECTION _____. Section 841.084, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.084. COST OF TRACKING SERVICE. Notwithstanding Section 841.146(c), a civilly committed person who is not indigent is responsible for the cost of the tracking service required by Section 841.082 and monthly shall pay to the office [~~council~~] the amount that the office [~~council~~] determines will be necessary to defray the cost of operating the service with respect to the person during the subsequent month. The office [~~council~~] immediately shall transfer the money to the appropriate service provider.

SECTION _____. Section 841.101, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.101. BIENNIAL EXAMINATION. (a) A person committed under Section 841.081 shall receive a biennial examination. The office [~~council~~] shall contract for an expert to perform the examination.

(b) In preparation for a judicial review conducted under Section 841.102, the case manager shall provide a report of the

biennial examination to the judge. The report must include consideration of whether to modify a requirement imposed on the person under this chapter and whether to release the person from all requirements imposed on the person under this chapter. The case manager shall provide a copy of the report to the office [~~council~~].

SECTION _____. Section 841.141, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.141. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY. (a) The office [~~council~~] by rule shall administer this chapter. Rules adopted by the office [~~council~~] under this section must be consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

(b) The office [~~council~~] by rule shall develop standards of care and case management for persons committed under this chapter.

SECTION _____. Subsections (c) and (d), Section 841.142, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) On the written request of any attorney for another state or for a political subdivision in another state, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the office [~~council~~], a service provider contracting with one of those agencies, the multidisciplinary team, and the attorney representing the state shall release to the attorney any available information relating to a person that is sought in connection with an attempt to civilly commit the person as a sexually violent predator in another state.

(d) To protect the public and to enable an assessment or determination relating to whether a person is a sexually violent predator or to enable the provision of supervision and treatment to a person who is a sexually violent predator, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the office [~~council~~], a service provider contracting with one of those agencies, the multidisciplinary team, and the attorney representing the state may exchange any available information relating to the person.

SECTION _____. Section 841.147, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 841.147. IMMUNITY. The following persons are immune from liability for good faith conduct under this chapter:

(1) an employee or officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of State Health Services, the

Department of Aging and Disability Services, or the office
~~[council]~~;

(2) a member of the multidisciplinary team established under Section 841.022;

(3) an employee of the civil division of the special prosecution unit charged with initiating and pursuing civil commitment proceedings under this chapter; and

(4) a person providing, or contracting, appointed, or volunteering to perform, a tracking service or another service under this chapter.

SECTION _____. Subchapter H, Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 841.151 to read as follows:

Sec. 841.151. NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR. (a) In this section:

(1) "Correctional facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

(2) "Secure correctional facility" and "secure detention facility" have the meanings assigned by Section 51.02, Family Code.

(b) This section applies to a person who has been civilly committed under this chapter and who is detained or confined in a correctional facility, secure correctional facility, or secure detention facility as a result of violating:

(1) a civil commitment requirement imposed under Section 841.082; or

(2) a law of this state.

(c) Not later than the day preceding the date a correctional facility, secure correctional facility, or secure detention facility releases a person who, at the time of the person's detention or confinement, was civilly committed under this chapter as a sexually violent predator, the facility shall notify the person's case manager in writing of the anticipated date and time of the person's release.

(d) A case manager, on request, shall provide a correctional facility, a secure correctional facility, or a secure detention facility with the case manager's appropriate contact information for notification under Subsection (c).

SECTION _____. As soon as possible after the effective date of this Act, the governor shall appoint three members to the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management as provided by Section 420A.002, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION _____. (a) The following are transferred to the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management:

(1) the functions of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment that relate to the sex offender civil commitment program;

(2) the director of the Department of State Health Services who has jurisdiction over the sex offender civil commitment program; and

(3) the staff of the council whose primary duties include the operation of the sex offender civil commitment program.

(b) The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management, the Department of State Health Services, and the Council on Sex Offender Treatment shall coordinate the transfer of functions relating to the sex offender civil commitment program as required by this section.

(c) The transfer of all functions relating to the sex offender civil commitment program to the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management shall be accomplished as soon as possible but not later than the 90th day after the date that the last member of the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management qualifies for office.

(d) The transfer required by this section includes the transfer of all assets, duties, powers, obligations, and liabilities, including contracts, leases, real or personal property, funds, employees, furniture, computers and other equipment, and files and related materials used by the Department of State Health Services and the Council on Sex Offender Treatment in performing the functions relating to the sex offender civil commitment program that are transferred by this section. For purposes of this subsection, "employees" includes the executive director of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment and administrative technicians and program specialists employed by the council.

(e) A form, rule, or procedure adopted by the Health and Human Services Commission or the Department of State Health

Services in relation to the Council on Sex Offender Treatment that is in effect on the effective date of this Act remains in effect on and after that date as if adopted by the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management until amended, repealed, withdrawn, or otherwise superseded by that office.

(f) All unexpended appropriations for functions relating to the sex offender civil commitment program that are made for use by the Department of State Health Services or the Council on Sex Offender Treatment are transferred to the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

(g) The Office of Violent Sex Offender Management shall publish in the Texas Register the date on which the transfer of functions under this section is accomplished.

(h) After the effective date of this Act, the Council on Sex Offender Treatment shall continue to perform applicable functions until the transfer of functions required by this section is completed, and the laws providing for those functions are continued in effect for that purpose.