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H.B. No. 1678

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the Hill Country local mental health authority crisis  
3 stabilization unit.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 551.009, Health and  
6 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 551.009. HILL COUNTRY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
8 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT [~~PILOT PROJECT~~].

9 SECTION 2. Sections 551.009(a), (c), and (e), Health and  
10 Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The Department of State Health Services shall operate  
12 [~~implement a crisis stabilization unit pilot project by~~  
13 ~~establishing and operating~~] a crisis stabilization unit on the  
14 grounds of the Kerrville State Hospital as provided by this  
15 section. The unit must be a 16-bed facility separate from the  
16 buildings used by the Kerrville State Hospital.

17 (c) The local mental health authority shall contract with  
18 Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service,  
19 and lawn care[~~, and equipment rental to the crisis stabilization~~  
20 ~~unit. The local mental health authority may contract with~~  
21 ~~Kerrville State Hospital to provide pharmaceutical services for the~~  
22 ~~crisis stabilization unit~~].

23 (e) The local mental health authority operating the crisis  
24 stabilization unit under contract shall use, for the purpose of

1 operating the 16-bed unit, the money appropriated to the department  
2 for operating 16 beds in state hospitals that is allocated to the  
3 local mental health authority. The department shall ensure that  
4 the local mental health authority retains the remainder of the  
5 local authority's state hospital allocation that is not used for  
6 operating the 16-bed unit. The department may allocate additional  
7 funds appropriated to the department for state hospitals to the  
8 crisis stabilization unit [~~pilot project~~].

9 SECTION 3. Sections 551.009(g) and (h), Health and Safety  
10 Code, are repealed.

11 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect August 31, 2009.