

1-1 By: Menendez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 4276  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2009;  
1-3 May 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and  
1-4 Human Services; May 13, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 13, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to a transportation plan for persons furloughed or  
1-9 discharged from certain mental health facilities.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 574, Health and Safety  
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 574.089 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 574.089. TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR FURLOUGH OR  
1-14 DISCHARGE. (a) The facility administrator of a mental health  
1-15 facility, in conjunction with the local mental health authority,  
1-16 shall create a transportation plan for a person scheduled to be  
1-17 furloughed or discharged from the facility.

1-18 (b) The transportation plan must account for the capacity of  
1-19 the person, must be in writing, and must specify:

1-20 (1) who is responsible for transporting the person;

1-21 (2) when the person will be transported; and

1-22 (3) where the person will arrive.

1-23 (c) If the person consents, the facility administrator  
1-24 shall forward the transportation plan to a family member of the  
1-25 person before the person is transported.

1-26 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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