

1-1 By: Uresti S.B. No. 1054  
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1054 By: Nelson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the Hill Country local mental health authority crisis  
1-11 stabilization unit.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 551.009, Health and  
1-14 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 551.009. HILL COUNTRY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY  
1-16 CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT [~~PILOT PROJECT~~].

1-17 SECTION 2. Subsections (a), (b), (c), (e), and (f), Section  
1-18 551.009, Health and Safety Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-19 (a) The Department of State Health Services shall contract  
1-20 with the local mental health authority serving the Hill Country  
1-21 area, including Kerr County, to operate [~~implement a crisis~~  
1-22 ~~stabilization unit pilot project by establishing and operating~~] a  
1-23 crisis stabilization unit on the grounds of the Kerrville State  
1-24 Hospital as provided by this section. The unit must be a 16-bed  
1-25 facility separate from the buildings used by the Kerrville State  
1-26 Hospital.

1-27 (b) The department shall include provisions in the contract  
1-28 requiring [~~with~~] the local mental health authority [~~serving the~~  
1-29 ~~Hill Country area, including Kerr County,~~] to [~~operate the crisis~~  
1-30 ~~stabilization unit. The department shall~~] ensure that the crisis  
1-31 stabilization unit provides short-term residential treatment,  
1-32 including medical and nursing services, designed to reduce a  
1-33 patient's acute symptoms of mental illness and prevent a patient's  
1-34 admission to an inpatient mental health facility.

1-35 (c) The local mental health authority shall contract with  
1-36 Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service,  
1-37 and lawn care [~~, and equipment rental to the crisis stabilization~~  
1-38 ~~unit. The local mental health authority may contract with~~  
1-39 ~~Kerrville State Hospital to provide pharmaceutical services for the~~  
1-40 ~~crisis stabilization unit~~].

1-41 (e) The local mental health authority operating the crisis  
1-42 stabilization unit under contract shall use, for the purpose of  
1-43 operating the 16-bed unit, the money appropriated to the department  
1-44 for operating 16 beds in state hospitals that is allocated to the  
1-45 local mental health authority. The department shall ensure that  
1-46 the local mental health authority retains the remainder of the  
1-47 local authority's state hospital allocation that is not used for  
1-48 operating the 16-bed unit. The department may allocate additional  
1-49 funds appropriated to the department for state hospitals to the  
1-50 crisis stabilization unit [~~pilot project~~].

1-51 (f) The department shall reduce the number of beds the  
1-52 department operates in the state hospital system by 16. The  
1-53 department, in collaboration with the local mental health  
1-54 authority, shall ensure that the 16 beds in the crisis  
1-55 stabilization unit are made available to other mental health  
1-56 authorities for use as designated by the department.

1-57 SECTION 3. Subsections (g) and (h), Section 551.009, Health  
1-58 and Safety Code, are repealed.

1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-62 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-63 Act takes effect August 31, 2009.

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