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H.B. No. 1946

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of seclusion by community centers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 534, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 534.0156 to read as follows:

Sec. 534.0156. USE OF SECLUSION. (a) For purposes of this section, "seclusion" has the meaning assigned by Section 322.001, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules that allow a community center to use seclusion during an emergency behavioral intervention on a person who is receiving crisis intake services from the center. The rules must conform to rules adopted under Chapter 322 to the extent practicable.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.