| **House Bill 1829**Senate AmendmentsSection-by-Section Analysis |
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| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 1. Section 573.012, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (h) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:(h) A judge or magistrate may permit an applicant who is a physician to present an application by:(1) e-mail with the application attached as a secure document in a portable document format (PDF); or(2) secure electronic means, including:(A) satellite transmission;(B) [~~,~~] closed-circuit television transmission;[~~,~~] or(C) any other method of two-way electronic communication that:(i) [~~(1)~~] is secure;(ii) [~~(2)~~] is available to the judge or magistrate; and(iii) [~~(3)~~] provides for a simultaneous, compressed full-motion video and interactive communication of image and sound between the judge or magistrate and the applicant.(h-1) After the presentation of an application under Subsection (h), the judge or magistrate may transmit a warrant to the applicant:(1) electronically, if a digital signature, as defined by Article 2.26, Code of Criminal Procedure, is transmitted with the document; or(2) by e-mail with the warrant attached as a secure document in a portable document format (PDF), if the identifiable legal signature of the judge or magistrate is transmitted with the document. [FA1] |  |
| SECTION 1. Section 573.022, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:(c) A facility that has admitted a person for emergency detention under Subsection (a) or to which a person has been transported under Subsection (b) may transfer the person to an appropriate mental hospital with the written consent of the hospital administrator. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011. | SECTION 3. Same as House version. |  |