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S.B. No. 1438

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the transportation of certain mental health patients.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 573.012(e), Health and Safety Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (e) A person apprehended under this section shall be
7 transported for a preliminary examination in accordance with
8 Section 573.021 to:

9 (1) the nearest appropriate inpatient mental health
10 facility in the county in which the person is apprehended; [~~or~~]

11 (2) a mental health facility deemed suitable by the
12 local mental health authority, if an appropriate inpatient mental
13 health facility is not available; or

14 (3) if there is no appropriate inpatient mental health
15 facility in the county in which the person is apprehended, the
16 nearest appropriate mental health facility outside the county in
17 which the person is apprehended.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.