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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disease management practices of local mental health authorities.

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

SECTION 1. Section 533.0354, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A local mental health authority shall ensure the provision of assessment services, crisis services, and intensive and comprehensive services using disease management practices for children with serious emotional, behavioral, or mental disturbance and adults with severe mental illness who are experiencing significant functional impairment due to a mental health disorder defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), including:

(1) bipolar disorder;

(2) [7] schizophrenia;

(3) major depressive disorder, including single episode or recurrent major depressive disorder;

(4) post-traumatic stress disorder;

(5) schizoaffective disorder, including bipolar and depressive types;

(6) obsessive compulsive disorder;

(7) anxiety disorder;

1           (8) attention deficit disorder;

2           (9) delusional disorder;

3           (10) bulimia nervosa, anorexia nervosa, or other  
4 eating disorders not otherwise specified; or

5           (11) any other diagnosed mental health disorder [~~or~~  
6 ~~clinically severe depression and for children with serious~~  
7 ~~emotional illnesses~~].

8           (a-1) The local mental health authority shall ensure that  
9 individuals are engaged with treatment services that are:

10           (1) ongoing and matched to the needs of the individual  
11 in type, duration, and intensity;

12           (2) focused on a process of recovery designed to allow  
13 the individual to progress through levels of service;

14           (3) guided by evidence-based protocols and a  
15 strength-based paradigm of service; and

16           (4) monitored by a system that holds the local  
17 authority accountable for specific outcomes, while allowing  
18 flexibility to maximize local resources.

19           (b) The department shall require each local mental health  
20 authority to incorporate jail diversion strategies into the  
21 authority's disease management practices to reduce the involvement  
22 of the criminal justice system in [~~for~~] managing adults with the  
23 following disorders as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical  
24 Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5):

25           (1) schizophrenia;

26           (2) [and] bipolar disorder;

27           (3) post-traumatic stress disorder;

1           (4) schizoaffective disorder, including bipolar and  
2 depressive types;

3           (5) anxiety disorder; or

4           (6) delusional disorder [~~to reduce the involvement of~~  
5 ~~those client populations with the criminal justice system~~].

6           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.