

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1947** by Burkett (Relating to the criteria for commitment of a person with mental illness.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapters 571 and 574 of the Health and Safety Code relating to the criteria for commitment of a person with mental illness. The bill would add the definition of gravely disabled to the list of criteria for a judge to use when committing a proposed patient to receive court-ordered inpatient mental health services and to the list of criteria when a peace officer may without a warrant take a person into custody. While the peace officer's or judge's determination of gravely disabled may have an impact on the state hospitals, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources at the Department of State Health Services and the Office of Court Administration.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services, Department of, 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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