

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

**IN RE: HB2212** by Naishtat (Relating to court-ordered outpatient mental health services.), As  
**Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to court-ordered outpatient mental health services. Under the provisions of the bill, within 24 hours after detention begins, a physician must evaluate the patient regarding the risk of serious harm to the patient or others. The bill also requires the local mental health authorities or NorthSTAR, before the probable cause hearing, to address specific areas in their reports to the court pertaining to the proposed program of treatment or services considered clinically necessary. Based on the analysis provided by the Department of State Health Services and the Office of Court Administration, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill can be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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