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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend S.B. No. 200 (house committee printing) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 2 of the bill
3 and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the ARTICLE accordingly:

4 SECTION 2.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 552, Health and Safety
5 Code, is amended by adding Section 552.0012 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 552.0012. STUDY REGARDING NEW LOCATION FOR AUSTIN
7 STATE HOSPITAL. (a) The commission, in coordination with the
8 department, the General Land Office, and the Texas Facilities
9 Commission, shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility,
10 costs, and benefits of transferring operation of the Austin State
11 Hospital from the hospital's facilities as of January 1, 2015, to a
12 new facility at a new location.

13 (b) The study conducted under this section must consider
14 potential locations and facilities for the operation of the Austin
15 State Hospital that are owned by the state and that are not owned by
16 the state. For each potential location, the study must consider:

17 (1) property and facility costs, including costs
18 associated with purchasing or leasing facilities;

19 (2) ease of public access by main roads and public
20 transportation; and

21 (3) capacity to accommodate the complete operation of
22 the Austin State Hospital without overcrowding or interference in
23 the delivery of services to patients.

24 (c) In considering property and facility costs of a
25 potential location for the Austin State Hospital under Subsection
26 (b)(1), the study must assume that proceeds from the sale or lease
27 of the Austin State Hospital's facilities as of January 1, 2015,
28 would be used for the payment of property and facility costs of a
29 new location.

1 (d) The commission, in conducting the study, shall obtain
2 input from appropriate stakeholders and from the public at public
3 hearings held in locations across the geographic area served by the
4 Austin State Hospital.

5 (e) Not later than September 1, 2016, the commission shall
6 compile a report containing results from the study and submit the
7 report to:

8 (1) each legislative standing committee with primary
9 jurisdiction over health and human services;

10 (2) the Sunset Advisory Commission; and

11 (3) the Legislative Budget Board.

12 (f) This section expires September 1, 2017.