

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1908
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1908 amends current law relating to the continuity of care for offenders with mental impairments.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 614.013, Health and Safety Code, by adding Subsection (b-1), as follows:

(b-1) Requires that the methods established under Subsection (b), subject to available resources, and to the extent feasible, ensure that each offender with a mental impairment is identified and qualified for the continuity of care system and serve adults with severe and persistent mental illness who are experiencing significant functional impairment due to a mental health disorder that is defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), including:

- (1) major depressive disorder, including single episode or recurrent major depressive disorder;
- (2) post-traumatic stress disorder;
- (3) schizoaffective disorder, including bipolar and depressive types;
- (4) psychotic disorder;
- (5) anxiety disorder;
- (6) delusional disorder; or
- (7) any other diagnosed mental health disorder that is severe or persistent in nature.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.