AN ACT

relating to the continuity of care for offenders with mental impairments.

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

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

(b-1) Subject to available resources, and to the extent feasible, the methods established under Subsection (b) must 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. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.
H.B. No. 1908

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1908 was passed by the House on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 13, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1908 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: ______________________

Date

Governor