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S.B. No. 1477

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuity of care and service program 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) The methods established under Subsection (b):

(1) must ensure that each offender with a mental
impairment is identified and qualified for the continuity of care
and service program regardless of diagnosis; and

(2) may not restrict access to the continuity of care
and service program or services to those offenders who have been
diagnosed with specific mental disorders.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.