By:  Buckingham S.B. No. 1234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of food service, laundry service, and lawn care to certain mental health facilities and state supported living centers.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 551, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 551.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.008.  REGIONAL LAUNDRY CENTERS. A regional laundry center operated by the commission to provide laundry services to department facilities may contract with federal agencies, other state agencies, or local political subdivisions to provide or receive laundry services.

SECTION 2.  Section 551.009(c), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  The local mental health authority shall contract with Kerrville State Hospital to provide food service, laundry service, and lawn care to the local mental health authority operating a crisis stabilization unit on the grounds of the Kerrville State Hospital as provided by this section.

SECTION 3.  If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.