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H.B. No. 628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an acute psychiatric bed registry to list available  
3 beds for the psychiatric treatment of certain individuals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 531.0995 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 531.0995. ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY. (a) In this  
8 section, "inpatient mental health facility" has the meaning  
9 assigned by Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code.

10 (b) The commission shall develop and administer an  
11 Internet-based and searchable acute psychiatric bed registry to  
12 collect, aggregate, and display information about beds at inpatient  
13 mental health facilities located in a county with a population of  
14 four million or more that are available for the inpatient  
15 psychiatric treatment of individuals.

16 (c) For each inpatient mental health facility, the acute  
17 psychiatric bed registry must list:

- 18 (1) the name and contact information of the facility;  
19 (2) the number of available beds;  
20 (3) the type of individual who may be admitted;  
21 (4) the level of security provided; and  
22 (5) any other information that may be necessary to  
23 identify appropriate beds for the inpatient psychiatric treatment  
24 of individuals.

1       (d) The commission shall make the acute psychiatric bed  
2 registry available to law enforcement agencies, community service  
3 boards, mental health facilities, public and private residential  
4 crisis stabilization units, emergency care facilities, and  
5 emergency care providers located in a county with a population of  
6 four million or more. The commission may make the registry  
7 available to any other person the commission considers appropriate.

8       (e) An inpatient mental health facility located in a county  
9 with a population of four million or more shall submit to the  
10 commission information for the acute psychiatric bed registry as  
11 required by the commission and review the information and confirm  
12 its accuracy to the commission at least once daily and whenever  
13 there is a change in bed availability at the facility.

14       (f) An inpatient mental health facility located in a county  
15 with a population of four million or more shall designate an  
16 employee or employees as necessary to:

17               (1) submit to the commission the information required  
18 under Subsection (e) and review the information as required by that  
19 subsection; and

20               (2) serve as a contact for questions about the  
21 information submitted.

22       (g) The commission may contract with any person the  
23 commission considers appropriate to develop and administer the  
24 acute psychiatric bed registry.

25       (h) The commission may accept gifts, grants, or donations  
26 from any public or private source for the purpose of carrying out  
27 this section.

1           SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2022, the Health and  
2 Human Services Commission shall establish the acute psychiatric bed  
3 registry required by Section 531.0995, Government Code, as added by  
4 this Act.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.