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H.B. No. 2774

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of behavioral health services for certain persons under the medical assistance program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.024, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (11) to read as follows:

(11) In this subsection, "serious mental illness" has the meaning assigned by Section 1355.001, Insurance Code. The commission in its rules and standards governing the scope of services provided under the medical assistance program shall include behavioral health services for a person who:

(1) is at least 20 years of age but younger than 65 years of age;

(2) has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness;  
and

(3) has been arrested at least once.

SECTION 2. 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 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.