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S.B. No. 1234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of food service, laundry service, and
3 lawn care to certain mental health facilities and state supported
4 living centers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 waiver or authorization is granted.

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