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S.B. No. 2111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Health and Human Services Commission developing a plan to contract with a public institution of higher education to operate a certain state hospital.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 552, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. STATE HOSPITAL OPERATIONS

Sec. 552.151. TRANSITION PLANNING FOR CONTRACTED OPERATIONS OF A CERTAIN STATE HOSPITAL. The commission shall establish a plan under which the commission may contract with a local public institution of higher education to transfer the operations of Austin State Hospital from the commission to a local public institution of higher education.

Sec. 552.152. PLAN REQUIREMENTS. (a) In developing the plan, the commission shall:

(1) consult with local public institutions of higher education;

(2) establish procedures and policies to ensure that a local public institution of higher education that contracts with the commission to operate Austin State Hospital operates the hospital at a quality level at least equal to the quality level achieved by the commission; and

(3) establish procedures and policies to monitor the

1 care of affected state hospital patients.

2 (b) The procedures and policies required to be established
3 under Subsection (a) must ensure that the commission is able to
4 obtain and maintain information on activities carried out under the
5 contract without violating privacy or confidentiality rules. The
6 procedures and policies must account for the commission obtaining
7 and maintaining information on:

8 (1) client outcomes;

9 (2) individual and average lengths of stay, including
10 computation of lengths of stay according to the number of days a
11 patient is in the facility during each calendar year, regardless of
12 discharge and readmission;

13 (3) the number of incidents in which patients were
14 restrained or secluded;

15 (4) the number of incidents of serious assaults in the
16 hospital setting; and

17 (5) the number of occurrences in the hospital setting
18 involving contacts with law enforcement personnel.

19 Sec. 552.153. REPORT. Not later than September 1, 2020, the
20 commission shall prepare and deliver to the governor, the
21 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
22 and the legislature a written report containing the plan and any
23 recommendations for legislation or other actions necessary.

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