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H.B. No. 13

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0997 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0997. ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC BED REGISTRY. (a) In this section, "inpatient mental health facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code.

(b) The commission shall develop and administer an Internet-based and searchable acute psychiatric bed registry to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds at inpatient mental health facilities that are available for the inpatient psychiatric treatment of individuals.

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

(1) the name and contact information of the facility;

(2) the number of available beds;

(3) the type of individual who may be admitted;

(4) the level of security provided; and

(5) any other information that may be necessary to identify appropriate beds for the inpatient psychiatric treatment of individuals.

(d) The commission shall make the acute psychiatric bed

1 registry available to law enforcement agencies, community service  
2 boards, mental health facilities, public and private residential  
3 crisis stabilization units, emergency care facilities, and  
4 emergency care providers. The commission may make the registry  
5 available to any other person the commission considers appropriate.

6 (e) An inpatient mental health facility shall submit to the  
7 commission information for the acute psychiatric bed registry as  
8 required by the commission and review the information and confirm  
9 its accuracy to the commission at least once daily and whenever  
10 there is a change in bed availability at the facility.

11 (f) An inpatient mental health facility shall designate an  
12 employee or employees as necessary to:

13 (1) submit to the commission the information required  
14 under Subsection (e) and review the information as required by that  
15 subsection; and

16 (2) serve as a contact for questions about the  
17 information submitted.

18 (g) The commission may contract with any person the  
19 commission considers appropriate to develop and administer the  
20 acute psychiatric bed registry.

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

24 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
25 of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
26 establish the acute psychiatric bed registry required by Section  
27 531.0997, Government Code, as added by this Act.

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1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
2 last day of the legislative session.