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By:  Hayes H.B. No. 3396

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Health and Human Services Commission to establish a plan to bring certain funded forensic state hospital beds online.

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

SECTION 1.  (a)  In this section, "commission" means the Health and Human Services Commission.

(b)  The commission shall develop and implement a plan to ensure that each forensic state hospital bed that is funded to provide competency restoration services is brought online and providing those services not later than August 31, 2024.

(c)  Not later than January 1, 2024, the commission shall submit to each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over state hospitals a report on the plan established by the commission under Subsection (b) of this section.

SECTION 2.  This Act expires December 1, 2024.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.