

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 2069
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2025; March 24, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
1-4 April 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; April 28, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Kolkhorst	X			
1-10	Perry	X			
1-11	Blanco	X			
1-12	Cook	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hancock	X			
1-15	Hughes	X			
1-16	Miles	X			
1-17	Sparks		X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2069 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the establishment of a work group to conduct a study on
1-22 the feasibility of implementing an acute psychiatric bed registry.
1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-24 SECTION 1. (a) In this section:
1-25 (1) "Commission" means the Health and Human Services
1-26 Commission.
1-27 (2) "Executive commissioner" means the executive
1-28 commissioner of the commission.
1-29 (3) "Inpatient mental health facility" has the meaning
1-30 assigned by Section 571.003, Health and Safety Code.
1-31 (b) The commission shall establish a work group to conduct a
1-32 study on the feasibility of implementing a statewide or regional
1-33 acute psychiatric bed registry to list available beds at inpatient
1-34 mental health facilities for the inpatient psychiatric treatment of
1-35 certain individuals.
1-36 (c) The work group consists of the following members
1-37 appointed by the executive commissioner:
1-38 (1) the chair of the Texas Hospital Association or the
1-39 chair's designee;
1-40 (2) the president of the Texas Medical Association or
1-41 the president's designee;
1-42 (3) the president of the Texas Nurses Association or
1-43 the president's designee;
1-44 (4) two members who are experts in the field of
1-45 technology;
1-46 (5) one member who is a licensed psychiatrist;
1-47 (6) one member who is a licensed professional
1-48 counselor, as defined by Section 503.002, Occupations Code;
1-49 (7) one member who works in a substance use treatment
1-50 facility;
1-51 (8) one member who is a representative of a hospital
1-52 located in a rural area of this state;
1-53 (9) one member who is a representative of a hospital
1-54 located in a county with a population of four million or more;
1-55 (10) one member who is a representative of a hospital
1-56 located in an urban area of this state in a county with a population
1-57 of less than four million;
1-58 (11) one member who is a representative of a public
1-59 hospital;
1-60 (12) one member who is a representative of a private

2-1 hospital;
 2-2 (13) one member who is a statistician;
 2-3 (14) one member who is a public health expert; and
 2-4 (15) any other member with appropriate expertise as
 2-5 the executive commissioner determines necessary.
 2-6 (d) The work group shall elect from among the membership a
 2-7 presiding officer.
 2-8 (e) The work group shall meet periodically and at the call
 2-9 of the presiding officer.
 2-10 (f) Not later than November 1, 2027, the commission shall
 2-11 prepare and submit to each standing committee of the senate and
 2-12 house of representatives having primary jurisdiction over mental
 2-13 health a written report that summarizes the results of the study
 2-14 conducted under this section. The report must:
 2-15 (1) evaluate the effect of bed registries;
 2-16 (2) include recommendations for increasing public
 2-17 awareness of bed registries;
 2-18 (3) include recommendations for leveraging financial
 2-19 incentives and legislative, regulatory, or contractual mechanisms
 2-20 to expedite the entry of data for bed registries;
 2-21 (4) assess the effect of hospital reimbursements in
 2-22 increasing bed availability;
 2-23 (5) evaluate psychiatric treatment capacity in
 2-24 relation to bed availability; and
 2-25 (6) include any other information the commission
 2-26 considers necessary.
 2-27 (g) The work group is abolished and this section expires
 2-28 November 1, 2028.
 2-29 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
 2-30 of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 2-31 Services Commission shall appoint the members to the work group
 2-32 established by this Act.
 2-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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