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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to processes to ensure continuity of care and services for certain offenders receiving services from a local mental health authority or local behavioral health authority.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 614, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 614.0175 to read as follows:

Sec. 614.0175. CONTINUITY OF CARE AND SERVICES FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Local behavioral health authority" means an authority designated by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section 533.0356.

(2) "Local mental health authority" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.002.

(b) A local mental health authority or local behavioral health authority that receives notice that an individual to whom the authority provided services has been processed by a local jail may not refuse to provide services or discontinue services to the individual on that basis alone.

(c) The Commission on Jail Standards shall require each local jail regulated by the commission to notify a local mental health authority or local behavioral health authority described by Subsection (b) before the jail releases an individual to whom the authority provided services to ensure the individual receives

continuity of care and services.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.