

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1470
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the mental health needs of youths in Tarrant County are not being met. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 1470 creates a Youth Assertive Community Treatment pilot program in Tarrant County to provide clinical and rehabilitative services to meet the needs of children who have a history of mental or behavioral health problems.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 614, Health and Safety Code, by adding Section 614.019, as follows:

Sec. 614.019. YOUTH ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) Authorizes the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments (council) to establish in Tarrant County an assertive community treatment pilot program to provide treatment, rehabilitation, and support services to individuals in that county who meet certain requirements.

(b) Requires the pilot program to be modeled after other assertive community treatment programs established by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Provides that the program is limited to serving not more than 30 program participants at any time.

(c) Requires the council, if the council creates a pilot program under this section, to provide for the program a team of licensed or degreed professionals in the clinical treatment or rehabilitation field to administer the pilot program. Requires a team created under this subsection to include certain individuals.

(d) Requires the program's professional team, in administering the program, to meet certain requirements.

(e) Requires the council and the program to cooperate with or contract with local agencies to avoid duplication of services and to maximize federal Medicaid funding.

SECTION 2. Requires the Criminal Justice Policy Council to conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a program established under Section 614.019, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act. Requires a study, at a minimum, to provide certain information.

(b) Requires the Criminal Justice Policy Council to report the results of the study to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house or representatives on or before December 31, 2002.

SECTION 3. Provides that Section 614.019, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, is effective only during a state fiscal biennium in which the legislature has appropriated money to the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments for the purposes of that section. Provides that if the legislature has not appropriated money for those purposes in a fiscal biennium, the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments, with appropriated money or other available resources, is required to attempt to provide services during that biennium that are comparable to the services the council may provide under that section.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Amends As Filed S.B. 1470 by adding Section 614.019, Health and Safety Code, rather than amending Chapter 533B, Health and Safety Code.

SECTION 2. Amends As Filed S.B. 1470, by adding SECTION 2.

SECTION 3. Amends As Filed S.B. 1470, by adding SECTION 3.

SECTION 4. Effective date. Redesignated from SECTION 3.