BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments establishes and funds certain juvenile treatment services and programs. Interested parties further assert that this requirement has been largely accomplished with appropriations provided to the office for the purpose of contracting with certain entities for certain services. H.B. 2119 seeks to make the requirement that the office provide certain services and programs contingent on funding appropriated for that purpose.

H.B. 2119 amends current law relating to the requirement that the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments provide certain services and programs.

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 614.0205, as follows:

Sec. 614.0205. APPROPRIATION CONTINGENCY. Provides that the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) is required to provide a service or program under Section 614.019(a) (authorizing TCOOMMI, in cooperation with the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, the Texas Youth Commission, and the Texas Education Agency, to establish and maintain programs, building on existing successful efforts in communities, to address prevention, intervention, and continuity of care for juveniles with mental health and substance abuse disorders) or 614.020 (Youth Assertive Community Treatment Program) only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. Authorizes, but does not require, TCOOMMI, if the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, to provide a service or program under Section 614.019(a) or 614.020 using other appropriations available for that purpose.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.