

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2157
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The floor amendment for HB 2157 adds a new Section 1.

HB 2157, as amended, requires that if a county jail requests that a person in custody undergo a mental health evaluation, then the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall have 24 hours to make contact with the person to determine if they are in need of mental health treatment, and will have additional 24 hours to secure a bed if deemed appropriate. If no bed can be secured, then the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be responsible for the cost of housing the person in the county jail as determined by the average daily cost of housing an individual in a state mental health facility.

The measure recommends and encourages at least 20 percent of active-duty law enforcement officers across city, state, and county agencies complete crisis intervention training in addition to any other required mental health training. The measure also authorizes law enforcement officers to take individuals into custody and place them in a county detention center without a mental health evaluation if no immediate mental health treatment is necessary. The officer shall prepare a written statement indicating the basis for the officer's belief that the person did not require a mental health evaluation or immediate mental health treatment and the circumstances under which the officer took the person directly into detention center custody. Any false statement given to the officer by the person upon whose statement the officer relies shall be a misdemeanor.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.