

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 12X creates the Mental Health Transport Revolving Fund. The measure provides that law enforcement may request an assessment at the point of initial contact by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services if the officer reasonably believes the person needs treatment. The measure provides that the Department may utilize telemedicine or an in-person format to assess the individual. The measure provides that the Department shall transport the individual if there is not an appropriate facility within a 30-mile radius of the peace officer's operational headquarters or the officer has already transported the individual to an appropriate facility for initial assessment. The measure provides that if an individual self-presents at a facility and the individual must be transported to another facility, such person shall be transported according to current law. Transport shall be the responsibility of the receiving facility if the person consent to voluntary transport to such facility. The measure outlines the conditions an officer must fulfill to meet the transportation requirements.

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