BILL SUMMARY

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Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation to HB 2137 requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to notify the court, prosecuting attorney and individual's attorney when administering medication and the Department believes the person lacks the capacity to consent or refuse medication. An application for an order authorizing medication for the purpose of competency restoration may then be sought. The measure provides rights of individual. The application requires proof by clear and convincing evidence that there is an important state interest, is likely to render the person competent, is necessary to further the interests of the state, is in the best medical interest of the person.

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Fiscal Analysis

The POLREC to HB2137 sets forth civil procedures related to the determination of mental competency and ability to consent in certain proceedings. In its current form, this measure is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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