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H.B. No. 4117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the county jail telemental health fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 511, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 511.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 511.019. COUNTY JAIL TELEMENTAL HEALTH FUND. (a) The county jail telemental health fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund.

(b) The county jail telemental health fund consists of:

(1) appropriations of money to the fund by the legislature; and

(2) gifts, grants, including grants from the federal government, and other donations received for the fund.

(c) Money in the fund may be appropriated only to the commission to pay for programs, training, and capital improvements necessary to implement or improve telemental health services in county jails located in counties with a population of less than 100,000.

(d) The commission by rule may establish a grant program to provide grants to counties described by Subsection (c) to fund programs, training, or capital improvements described by that subsection.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.