

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 2842
Version:	CS
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Impact:	Estimated transport cost to OMHSAS - \$3 million annually, dependent upon several factors

Research Analysis

The Committee Substitute to HB 2842 provides that reimbursement by the department of mental health and substance abuse services must be based upon the salary of the sheriff or peace officer, calculated by the number of hours that transportation services are provided. Lastly, nothing in the measure prohibits the department from contracting with a third party to provide transportation services.

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Fiscal Analysis

CS for HB 2842 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to reimburse, based on their current salary and the number of hours of transportation service provided, a sheriff or peace officer or officers who transport individuals to and from sites for examination, emergency detention and other services.

According to officials at OMHSAS, there were 8,933 transports of this type in FY-13, accounting for 926,000 miles of transportation. Using these figures and the 2010 U.S. Dept. of Labor statistics for officer pay, OMHSAS estimates an annual reimbursement cost for transports being upwards of \$3 million. This is merely a rough estimate as the true cost (higher or lower) is dependent upon several factors: the number of transports, the number of miles transported, the number of officers doing the transporting (often, two) and the salaries of the transporting officers.

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Other Considerations

None.