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Floor Substitute (FS)

The FS for SB 1606 directs sheriffs and police officers to use telemedicine, when such tools are available, to assess a person officers reasonably believe require mental health treatment. If it is determined emergency detention can be avoided by the person agreeing to treatment in a less restrictive level of care, officers may transport the person to the nearest facility for person's treatment needs. The measure also states that responsibility for the person shall be transferred to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services once the person is presented to a facility for treatment.

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