

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 1606 directs sheriffs and police officers to use telemedicine 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 must transport the person to the nearest facility determined by the licensed mental health professional to best meet the 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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