

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 3 authorizes sheriffs and peace officers to utilize telemedicine to assess a person whom the officer reasonably believes needs treatment by a mental health professional. Additionally, the measure requires officers to transport such individuals in need of treatment or subject to an emergency detention or protective custody order to the nearest facility within a 30-mile radius. The law enforcement agency that transported such an individual to an urgent recovery clinic shall be responsible for any subsequent transportation of such individual pending completion of the initial assessment, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services. If no such facility is available, transportation to a facility shall be completed by either the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or an entity contracted by the Department for alternative transportation.

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