

Bill Summary
1st Session of the 59th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | SB 552 |
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Bill Analysis

SB 552 provides that if a person charged with a crime is found to be competent, criminal proceedings shall be immediately resumed by setting a competency hearing within 30 business days. The measure also provides that treatment to restore competency may be administered in the jail or detention facility where the person is being held if the defendant is charged with a violent misdemeanor. Transportation for such an individual shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or a contracted or designated entity on behalf of the Department. The measure also authorizes the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency may conduct an in-depth review every year for the next 5 years on the successes, and any opportunities for improvement including but not limited to the cost savings for the jails, the expedited restoration of competency, the use of jail-based and outpatient competency restoration, and the effects on capacity of forensic bed treatment services.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 552 adds language relating to LOFT conducting a review as well as changes language relating to the transport of individuals.

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