

CHAPTER 285

H.B. No. 272

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that a state facility report the disappearance of a person receiving mental health or mental retardation services in the facility.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. If a person receiving court-ordered in-patient mental health or mental retardation services in a facility operated by the state leaves the facility without notifying the facility or without the facility's consent, the superintendent of the facility shall immediately report the person as a missing person to an appropriate law enforcement agency in the area in which the facility is located.

SECTION 2. If a person receiving in-patient mental retardation services in a facility operated by the state leaves the facility without notifying the facility or without the facility's consent, the superintendent of the facility shall immediately report the person as a missing person to an appropriate law enforcement agency in the area in which the facility is located.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 20, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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