



Texas hospitals support House Bill 3125/Senate Bill 1398 by Rep. Steve Allison/Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa to hold patients and hospitals harmless for county court costs associated with patients’ mental health hearings.

HB 3125/SB 1398 would amend current law so patients and hospitals no longer incur filing fees or other costs for mental health hearings and court proceedings that are required in order for the hospital to assess and/or provide emergency inpatient mental health treatment to certain individuals experiencing a mental health crisis.

For some patients, hospitals must have an emergency detention warrant, order of protective custody or medication hearing in order to provide treatment. Certain counties in Texas collect fees for these orders and hearings. Hospitals incur the court costs and are not reimbursed. HB 3125/SB 1398 would hold patients and hospitals harmless for these costs.

## Court Costs Paid by Hospitals in 2020

