



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	HF 510 (formerly HF 251)	House Committee:	Passed on March 3 (21-0)
Committee:	Human Resources	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Fry	Senate Floor:	
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Staff:	Carrie Malone (5-2063)		

Secure Transportation for Persons with a Mental Illness

- The bill allows counties and regions to contract with private entities to transport persons with a mental illness or substance disorder.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 - Transportation Services for Persons with Substance Disorders

This section allows counties to contract with a private entity to appropriately transport people that are court-ordered to be in a facility. If the hospital thinks the person needs to be moved to another facility, this transportation service can be used.

In contracting with the private entity, the county shall include items in the contract that will ensure that trained personnel and appropriate vehicles are used. The county shall ensure that the person’s insurance carrier is fully utilized for the transport. The county is required to implement an RFP to enter into a contract with a private entity pursuant to this section. DHS and IDPH shall consult stakeholders and adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

Section 2 - Transportation Services for Persons with Mental Illness

This section allows an MHDS region to contract with private entities to provide safe and secure transportation services. This section allows regions to contract with a private entity to appropriately transport people that are court-ordered to be in a facility. If the hospital thinks the person needs to be moved to another facility, this transportation service can be used.

In contracting with the private entity, the region shall include items in the contract that will ensure that trained personnel and appropriate vehicles are used. The region shall ensure that the person’s insurance carrier is fully utilized for the transport. The MHDS region is required to implement an RFP to enter into a contract with a private entity pursuant to this section. DHS and IDPH shall consult stakeholders and adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.