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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2015 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Check all that apply:  
**Original**     **Amendment**      
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**Date** February 18, 2015  
**Bill No:** HB 455

**Sponsor:** Rep. John L. Zimmerman  
**Short**    County Detention  
**Title:**    Behavioral Health Project

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16	FY17		

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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY16</b>	<b>FY17</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: House Bill 455 enacts a three year provision requiring the formation of a demonstration project to provide behavioral health services to individuals in or released from Luna, Grant and Hidalgo County Detention Centers. House Bill 455 appropriates \$264,620 from the general fund for this purpose.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The secretary of finance and administration is authorized to adopt and promulgate rules regulating the manner in which the progress of the demonstration project is measured (at subsection B), but not to regulate the manner in which the demonstration project is administered. Such regulations may fill in the gaps with respect to the manner in which participants are to be chosen or allowed to participate, and the manner in which the services are provided (at subsection A).

Definitions may also assist in clarifying the specific parameters of the services, and the manner in which they are to be delivered. For example, House Bill 455 may benefit from definitions of industry language, such as “evidence-based” and “promising-practice,” at subsection A(1)(a), “supportive training” at subsection A(1)(c), “life-skills planning” and “life-skills classes” at (A)(1)(e), etc.

It is unclear whether the appropriation is allocated to fund the behavioral health services themselves, or if the funding for the services will come from traditional sources (Medicaid and other grants).

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

At subsection D, to clarify, the word “November” should be included in front of “2018.”

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A