

HB 1094 -- MENTAL HEALTH CARE

SPONSOR: Thompson

This bill repeals all references to a "mental health coordinator", currently defined in statute as a mental health professional who has knowledge of the laws relating to hospital admissions and civil commitment, and who is authorized by the Director of the Department of Mental Health or their designee to serve a designated geographic area or mental health facility. Associated duties, responsibilities, and powers of mental health coordinators are also repealed.

For any respondent arriving at a mental health facility, this bill shortens the allotted time frame for designated facility staff to meet with the respondent and explain their statutory rights from four days to 48 hours.