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Meeting Dates:	2/20, 3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires public agencies to inform the local public safety coordinating council (LPSCC) of agency intent to site residences for individuals under the jurisdiction of the Psychiatric Security Review Board in the council's locality. Expands duties of the public safety coordinating council to include appointment of a facility advisory subcommittee for reviewing agency proposals. Establishes time frames for subcommittee response. Expands subcommittee membership from three to six members to include mental health consumers and advocates.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Maintaining integrity of Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB), increasing transparency in siting process to include local communities
- The bill being used as an obstacle in the siting process
- Ensuring better communication with communities
- Importance of educating officials to better understand PSRB and PSRB homes
- Ensuring proper representation on the subcommittee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Establishes time frames for subcommittee response. Expands subcommittee membership from three to six members to include mental health consumers and advocates.

BACKGROUND: Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) was created in 1978 with the primary purpose of protecting the public through an on-going review of the progress of those placed under its jurisdiction and a determination of their appropriate placement.

Community opposition to siting halfway houses, work release, juvenile centers and other residential treatment facilities in residential neighborhoods often is intense. The process often becomes acrimonious. HB 2052 A responds to public concerns and makes the process of choosing sites for these facilities more transparent. The bill, which resulted from a stakeholder workgroup, designates local law enforcement and mental health officials as a point of contact between agencies and the community. Additionally, HB 2052 A ensures that specific information will be provided to each safety coordinating council and provides a system by which agencies and officials address the concerns of the council's subcommittee.