

HB 873 -- Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program

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This bill contains provisions pertaining to the Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program (SATOP).

The bill:

(1) Allows providers in offender management units who offer assessment and screening services to participate in the offender education program and to provide 10-hour basic offender education courses. Providers are prohibited from being affiliated with or providing services in other SATOP programs; and

(2) Prohibits providers from being affiliated with or providing services to which offenders are referred to by an offender management unit.

The bill also requires any entity prior to commencing certain business under the SATOP program, including an offender management unit, a youth clinical intervention program, or an offender education program to file specific information with the Department of Mental Health that includes:

(1) The names of all principals in the business;

(2) The names of all persons or corporations paid by the business and the investments of each person receiving payments from the business;

(3) The amount of capital stock in the business and types of investments; and

(4) Assets of the business other than capital stock, the source of the assets, the types of investments financed by the assets, promissory notes, and other securities of the business.

Business or entities providing false or misleading information in the filings which results in pecuniary gain will be guilty of a class D felony.