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**Statement from Senator Borris Miles Regarding
Harris County Juvenile Detention Center**

"On Friday, February 24, 2017, ABC 13 KTRK- Houston reported how state funding cuts are now forcing the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center to terminate a contract with the county psychiatric hospital, which served children with severe mental health problems. These kids are not going to receive the treatment they need if they are sitting in jail cell. These disastrous cost-cutting measures have already resulted with the child abuse scandals at Texas Youth Commission and the deaths at Texas Child Protective Services. We need to stop balancing the budget on the backs of our children and the most vulnerable. I do not want to see a tragedy impacting children with mental health issues, when it could have been prevented. I'm calling on the governor and state leadership to immediately investigate this issue. These are our kids. They are our future. They deserve so much better."

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