

Bill No.: SF0142 **Effective:** Immediately

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Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0087

Chapter No.: 203

Prime Sponsor: Scott

Catch Title: Community mental health contract program.

Subject: Program for services to decrease involuntary commitments.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill authorizes the creation of a contract program between the Department of Health and mental health and substance use treatment programs and providers. The purpose of the program is to reduce the demand for involuntary commitments related to mental illness. The bill authorizes the Department of Health to enter into contracts with mental health and substance use treatment programs or providers to:
 - Encourage the performance of gatekeeper functions related to the coordination of involuntary commitment-related care; and
 - Prevent psychiatric hospitalization through the delivery of healthcare services at an early stage of crises so as to avoid the need for hospitalization (i.e. diversion services).
- The Department of Health must require each state-funded treatment program or provider who participates in the contract program to provide additional client services equivalent in value to 50% of the funds expended under its contract.
- The bill prevents a patient involved in the Title 25 process from being charged a fee for gatekeeping services.

Comments:

- This bill creates a major program.
- This bill provides an appropriation.
- This bill requires annual reports to the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee and the Joint Appropriations Committee if that committee requests the reports.

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