

Bill No.: HB0038 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**
LSO No.: 21LSO-0225
Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0056
Chapter No.: 79
Prime Sponsor: Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee
Catch Title: **Community behavioral health-priority populations.**
Subject: Community behavioral health-priority populations.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Shifts the state-funded system for providing mental illness and substance use disorder treatment from a general access system to one that targets seven (7) specified priority populations for the delivery of state-funded services.
- State-funded services will be provided through authorized community behavioral health centers, or alternate providers if no community behavioral health center is available. The bill also authorizes the delivery of essential subsidy payments to eligible behavioral health centers, or alternate providers when no community behavioral health center is available in a certain locality, to help defer continuing operating costs needed to provide services to priority populations.
- Modifies gatekeeping provisions under Title 25 (applicable to involuntary hospitalizations) requiring local boards of county commissioners and the Department of Health to give preference to community behavioral health centers for the appointment of gatekeepers and only permits the Department to assume the associated expenses when the gatekeeper has been contracted through a community behavioral health center.
- The bill has a one (1) year delayed effective date during which the Department of Health is required to consult with mental illness and substance use disorder stakeholders regarding the reform and redesign of the state funded mental illness and substance use disorder treatment programs. On or before September 1, 2021, the Department is required to report to the Joint Labor, Health & Social Services Interim Committee on several enumerated topics.
- Requires the Department of Health to report to the Labor Committee on or before September 1, 2025, to provide an update on the status of the Department's administration of the reform and redesign of the treatment programs.

Comments:

- Amends a major program;
- Requires a report (multiple reports to the Labor Committee);
- Has multiple effective dates (immediate for rulemaking and reporting; July 1, 2022 for substantive changes to law).

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