

**225C.3 Division of mental health and disability services — state mental health authority.**

1. The division is designated the state mental health authority as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 201(m) (1976) for the purpose of directing the benefits of the National Mental Health Act, 42 U.S.C. § 201 et seq. This designation does not preclude the board of regents from authorizing or directing any institution under its jurisdiction to carry out educational, prevention, and research activities in the areas of mental health and mental retardation. The division may contract with the board of regents or any institution under the board's jurisdiction to perform any of these functions.

2. The division is designated the state developmental disabilities agency for the purpose of directing the benefits of the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6001 et seq.

3. The division is administered by the administrator. The administrator of the division shall be qualified in the general field of mental health, mental retardation, or other disability services, and preferably in more than one field. The administrator shall have at least five years of experience as an administrator in one or more of these fields.

**1, 2.** [C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §225B.1; C79, 81, §225B.2; S81, §225C.2; 81 Acts, ch 78, §3, 20]

**3.** [C50, 54, 58, 62, 66, §218.75; C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §217.10; S81, §225C.2; 81 Acts, ch 78, §3, 20]

94 Acts, ch 1170, §12; 2006 Acts, ch 1115, §34

Referred to in [§217.10](#)