

**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 intellectual disability. 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 federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §15001 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, intellectual disability, 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](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1019, §62](#); [2014 Acts, ch 1092, §170](#)

Referred to in [§217.10](#)