

225C.3 Department — state mental health authority.

1. The department 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 state 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 department may contract with the state board of regents or any institution under the board's jurisdiction to perform any of these functions.

2. The department 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.

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](#); [2021 Acts, ch 76, §49](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §449](#)