



SF 2297 – Children's Mental Health and Well-being (LSB5510SZ)

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Description

Pursuant to Division XXII of [Senate File 505](#) (FY 2016 Health and Human Services Appropriations Act), the Department of Human Services (DHS), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DOE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), convened a workgroup of stakeholders to facilitate a study and make recommendations on children's mental health services systems. Through the Workgroup's discussion of the current children's mental health and well-being framework, a need for greater coordination of existing services was identified. The Workgroup's proposed recommendations are based on a stated need for a gradual approach to defining, testing, and implementing a multi-year strategy for designing coordinated children's mental health system in the state. [Senate File 2297](#) provides for the implementation of many of the Workgroup's recommendations.

The Workgroup recommended an appropriation to the DHS in the amount of \$300,000 to establish a Request for Proposals (RFP) process to award planning grants to two lead entities in a geographically defined area for the development and implementation of children's mental health crisis services. The two planning grants will be used to augment and coordinate existing children's mental health crisis services in the defined area, and will also be used to fill in gaps in children's mental health crisis services. The RFP application process will require applicants to identify existing services and gaps in children's mental health crisis services. The applicants will be required to describe methods for the collection of outcome data to evaluate children's mental health crisis services, and show how existing and future federal, state, and other funding will be used to implement and support children's mental health crisis services. Grantees will be required to submit reports to the DHS and to the General Assembly.

The bill also requires the creation of an advisory committee to continue the efforts of the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being Workgroup. The advisory committee will include representation from the DHS, the DPH, the DOE, and the state's judiciary system. The committee will prepare for and manage leading entities, evaluate results, and make recommendations for subsequent fiscal years.

Fiscal Impact

Assuming the selected lead entities will use existing funds and secure additional federal funds to supplement the planning grants received from the DHS, the fiscal impact will be limited to the \$300,000 appropriation recommended by the Workgroup. There is no appropriation in [SF 2297](#). The DHS intends to collaborate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to evaluate existing children's mental health crisis services throughout the state.

Source

Department of Human Services

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
