

# House File 257 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to facilities licensed to provide inpatient  
2 psychiatric treatment and services and the psychiatric bed  
3 tracking system.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DIRECTIVE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES —  
2 PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM. The department of human  
3 services shall amend its administrative rules pursuant to  
4 chapter 17A to require the state mental health institutes  
5 and hospitals licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric  
6 treatment and services to participate in the psychiatric bed  
7 tracking system and to report the number of beds available for  
8 persons with a co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse  
9 disorder.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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This bill relates to facilities licensed to provide  
inpatient psychiatric treatment and services and the  
psychiatric bed tracking system. The bill directs the  
department of human services to amend its administrative rules  
to require the state mental health institutes and hospitals  
licensed to provide inpatient psychiatric treatment and  
services to participate in the psychiatric bed tracking system  
and to report the number of beds available for persons with a  
co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorder.