

Senate File 524 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1227)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act establishing an inpatient psychiatric bed tracking
- 2 system study committee.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES — INPATIENT
2 PSYCHIATRIC BED TRACKING SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE.

3 1. The department of human services shall convene a study
4 committee to meet during the 2021 legislative interim to
5 examine issues and develop policy recommendations relating to
6 improvements to the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system
7 including but not limited to the following:

8 a. Expanding the acuity of disabilities a hospital or
9 facility is able to accept in its program to include but not be
10 limited to persons with certain mental disabilities, behavioral
11 disabilities, and sexually or physically aggressive behaviors.

12 b. Increasing reimbursement rates based on the level of care
13 provided.

14 c. Implementing enhancements to the inpatient psychiatric
15 bed tracking system to accept and report real-time electronic
16 data from the state mental health institutes, hospitals, and
17 subacute mental health care facilities participating in the
18 system.

19 2. The membership of the committee shall, at a minimum,
20 consist of a representative from the department of human
21 services, the Iowa hospital association, a managed care
22 association, and law enforcement, and a private payor of
23 inpatient services, and a county mental health advocate.

24 3. The department shall submit a report of the
25 study committee detailing the committee's findings and
26 recommendations, including a proposed date to implement
27 real-time electronic data tracking, to the general assembly and
28 the governor no later than December 15, 2021.

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EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill establishes an inpatient psychiatric bed tracking
33 system study committee.

34 The bill directs the department of human services
35 (department) to convene a study committee during the 2021

1 interim to examine issues and develop policy recommendations
2 relating to improvements to the inpatient psychiatric bed
3 tracking system including but not limited to expanding the
4 acuity of disabilities a hospital or facility is able to
5 accept in its program to include but not be limited to persons
6 with certain mental disabilities, behavioral disabilities,
7 and sexually or physically aggressive behaviors; increasing
8 reimbursement rates based on the level of care provided; and
9 implementing enhancements to the inpatient psychiatric bed
10 tracking system to accept and report real-time electronic
11 data from the state mental health institutes, hospitals, and
12 subacute mental health care facilities participating in the
13 system.

14 The bill requires the membership of the study committee to,
15 at a minimum, consist of a representative from the department
16 of human services, the Iowa hospital association, a managed
17 care association, and law enforcement, and a private payor of
18 inpatient psychiatric services, and a county mental health
19 advocate.

20 The bill requires the department to submit a report of the
21 study committee detailing its findings and recommendations for
22 improvements to the inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system,
23 including a proposed date to implement real-time electronic
24 data tracking, to the general assembly and to the governor's
25 office by December 15, 2021.