

Mental Health Programs Senate File 598

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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to locally administered human services programs involving county mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services funding and the decategorization of the child welfare and juvenile justice funding initiative by making an appropriation, authorizing nonreversion of certain funding, and providing effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

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GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION

- Appropriates \$12.0 million from the General Fund for additional FY 2008 Mental Health Allowed Growth.
- With the additional funding and the funding included in HF 909 (FY 2008 Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill), this is an increase of \$17.5 million compared to the estimated FY 2007 appropriation. This includes an increase of \$500,000 within the Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill for services and waiver costs for individuals with a brain injury.

RISK POOL

- Revises requirements for the existing Risk Pool within the Property Tax Relief Fund to require a county to:
 - Submit the required reporting documentation due annually December 1.
 - Levy at the maximum amount for the Mental Health Services Fund.
 - Have a Mental Health Services Fund Balance of 15.00% or less for the year prior to the year of application for funds from the Pool.
- Limits a single county to no more than 20.00% of the funds appropriated for the Risk Pool.
- Does not include an FY 2008 appropriation for the Risk Pool.

CODE OF IOWA CHANGES

- Information Technology:
 - Requires each county to report certain information to the Department of Human Services (DHS) annually by December 1.
 - Requires the DHS and the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) to develop a joint proposal relating to information technology and report by November 15, 2007.
 - Requires the information technology provisions to be effective upon enactment and the reporting requirement retroactive to December 1, 2006.
- Mental Health Services System Improvement
 - Provides legislative intent for a State Mental Health Services Plan that includes planning, implementation, identification of alternative funding distribution formulas, role of community mental health centers, identification of core services and standards for providers, and utilization of evidence-based practices.
 - Requires the DHS to submit a written plan to the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Developmental Disabilities, and Brain Injury Commission by November 15, 2008, and to the Governor and General Assembly by December 15, 2008.

OTHER FUNDS

- Permits a county to use remaining FY 2006 decategorization funding for children with special needs. This provision takes effect upon enactment.
- Permits a county to transfer moneys from other funds within a county to the county's Mental Health Services Fund for FY 2008.