

Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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LRB Number 07-3794/2		Introduction Number AB-0922			
Description health insurance coverage of nervous and mental disorders, alcoholism, and other drug abuse problems.					
Fiscal Effect					
State:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect					
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate					
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs			
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations					
Local:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs					
<input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate					
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts			
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory				
Fund Sources Affected				Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS					
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill, would require group health plans which provide coverage of inpatient hospital services, or outpatient hospital services, to also provide coverage for treatment of mental disorders or substance abuse problems depending on the type of hospital services (inpatient or outpatient) covered by the plan for medical purposes. If a group health insurance policy provides coverage of either inpatient or outpatient hospital services, it must also provide coverage of transitional treatment arrangements.

This bill also would require coverage under group health benefit plans and governmental self-insured health plans for the treatment of mental health and substance abuse problems to be equivalent to the coverage under those plans for the treatment of physical conditions. Other requirements would include coverage of annual mental health or substance abuse screenings where group health policies cover annual physicals, as well as the coverage of prepartum and postpartum screenings under certain conditions.

The provision of health care and mental health care services to inmates and offenders by Department of Corrections employees as well as off-site providers is not applicable to the definition of either a health benefit plan or a self-insured health plan as defined by relevant statutory language. In addition, DOC places no "coverage" limitations upon medical and mental health/substance abuse service delivery to inmates and offenders, as DOC pays costs associated with services provided to inmates and juvenile offenders. In some cases, a co-pay is charged to adult offenders for medical and mental health service requests, subject to certain exceptions, but the amount charged is a set amount regardless of service type received.

The Department of Corrections would not experience a fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill, nor would local jails.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications