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2015 Assembly Bill 786

Assembly Amendment 1

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The bill requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to prepare a report describing where individuals with dementia are currently placed in crisis situations and submit that report to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over health, aging and long-term care, or mental health issues before November 1, 2016.

The bill also requires DHS to propose a pilot program for two or more counties to create dementia crisis units. The bill defines a dementia crisis unit as a unit or part of a unit of a public or private facility that is qualified, competent, and equipped to provide diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of dementia and medical, psychiatric, and behavioral care to individuals who have dementia and that provides a therapeutic environment that is appropriate for and designed to prevent harm to individuals who have dementia.

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The amendment removes the requirement that DHS prepare a report describing where individuals with dementia are currently placed in crisis situations and submit that report to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature. The amendment maintains the requirement that DHS prepare a proposal for a dementia crisis unit pilot program and specifies that the proposal be submitted to the appropriate standing committees of the Legislature with jurisdiction over health, aging and long-term care, or mental health issues before November 1, 2016.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Rohrkaste on January 29, 2016. On February 1, 2016, the Assembly Committee on Mental Health Reform recommended adoption of the amendment, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes 0. On the same day, the committee recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes 0.

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