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## **Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems**

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Honorable Members of the Task Force Concerning Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems:

Pursuant to Section 18-1.9-104 (3)(a), C.R.S., the Legislative Oversight Committee Concerning Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice System ("committee") is required annually to define, in writing, the scope of behavioral health policy to be considered for the committee and the Task Force Concerning Treatment of Persons with Behavioral Health Disorders in the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems ("task force").

For 2023, the scope of policy to be considered for the committee is:

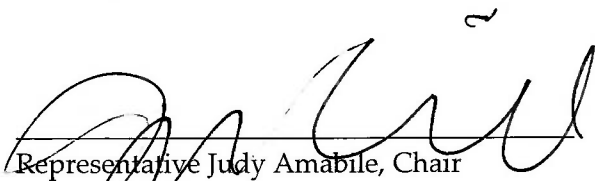
- recommendations, proposals, and studies from the task force; and
- other behavioral health and justice system policy considerations arising during the work of the committee.

For 2023, the scope of policy to be considered for the task force is:

- determining contributing and mitigating factors that impact arrest and recidivism rates for people with serious behavioral health disorders; including but not limited to social determinants such as housing, drug use, homelessness, and access to inpatient and outpatient care;
- exploring how to improve the civil system for mental health care to reduce criminal justice involvement;
- developing measures to prevent juveniles and adults with behavioral health disorders from entering the competency system;
- exploring how the competency system can become more treatment-oriented;
- developing outpatient mental health treatment services to help juveniles and adults leave the competency system permanently;

- exploring ways to ensure an appropriate response to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis, focusing on ways to transition from a law enforcement response toward a mental health response;
- determining contributing and mitigating factors that impact recidivism rates for people with mental and behavioral health disorders;
- identifying legislative or regulatory solutions that ensure access to treatment for people with warrants on their record.

Sincerely,



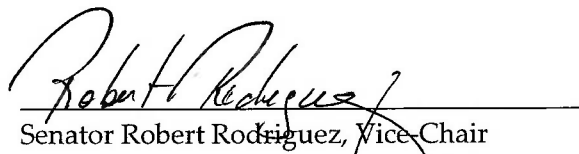
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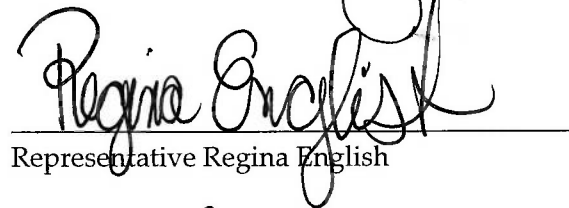
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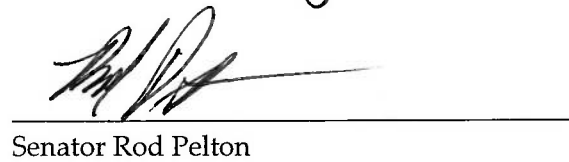
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