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COMMITTEE BILL

Joint Budget Committee

BILL TOPIC: "Behavioral Health Programs Appropriations"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING ELIMINATING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR
102 PROGRAMS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO TREATMENT FOR
103 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Joint Budget Committee. The bill removes the requirement that the state department of human services (department) implement a behavioral health capacity tracking system and make available to the public appropriate information from the capacity tracking system, unless money is appropriated for the system.

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*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

a care navigation program to assist engaged clients in obtaining access to treatment for substance use disorders, unless money is appropriated for the program. The bill requires the department to report to the general assembly if the care navigation program is implemented.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104.5, **amend**
3 (8); and **repeal** (9) as follows:

4 **27-60-104.5. Behavioral health capacity tracking system -**
5 **legislative declaration - definitions - rules.** (8) ~~On or before January 1,~~
6 ~~2021~~ SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, the state department shall
7 implement a centralized, web-based tracking system as described in this
8 section AND SHALL ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE TRACKING SYSTEM
9 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. The contractor of the
10 twenty-four-hour telephone crisis services provided pursuant to section
11 27-60-103 shall use the tracking system as an available service resource
12 locator.

13 (9) ~~The state department shall ensure that appropriate tracking~~
14 ~~system information is available to the public on or before January 1,~~
15 ~~2022.~~

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-80-119, **amend**
17 (3) and (8) as follows:

18 **27-80-119. Care navigation program - creation - reporting -**
19 **rules - legislative declaration - definition.** (3) ~~On or before January 1,~~
20 ~~2020~~ SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, the department shall
21 implement a care navigation program to assist engaged clients in
22 obtaining access to treatment for substance use disorders. At a minimum,
23 services available statewide must include independent screening of the

1 treatment needs of the engaged client using nationally recognized
2 screening criteria to determine the correct level of care; the identification
3 of licensed or accredited substance use disorder treatment options,
4 including social and medical detoxification services, medication-assisted
5 treatment, and inpatient and outpatient treatment programs; and the
6 availability of various treatment options for the engaged client.

7 (8) No later than September 1 ~~2020~~ DURING THE FIRST YEAR IN
8 WHICH THE CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED PURSUANT TO
9 THIS SECTION, and ~~each~~ NO LATER THAN September 1 OF EACH YEAR
10 thereafter IN WHICH THE CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED, the
11 department shall submit an annual report to the joint budget committee,
12 the public health care and human services committee and the health and
13 insurance committee of the house of representatives, and the health and
14 human services committee of the senate, or any successor committees,
15 concerning the utilization of care navigation services pursuant to this
16 section, including a summary of the data and information collected by the
17 contractor pursuant to subsection (6) of this section, in accordance with
18 state and federal health care privacy laws. Notwithstanding the provisions
19 of section 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), the reporting requirements of this
20 subsection (8) continue indefinitely.

21 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.