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PUBLIC/HOUSE BILLS

H 822 (2019-2020) **COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN**. Filed Apr 16 2019, *AN ACT TO REVISE THE STATE PLAN FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TO ENSURE THE STATE DEVELOPS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT PROVIDES A MISSION, A VISION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, OVERSIGHT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.*

House committee substitute to the 1st edition makes the following changes.

Part I.

Modifies and adds to the legislative findings regarding the need for a Comprehensive Plan for the publicly funded (rather than State-funded) behavioral health system. Adds an express directive requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to produce a Comprehensive Plan for the Publicly funded Behavioral Health System (Comprehensive Plan). Makes conforming changes throughout the act to refer to the publicly funded behavioral health system and publicly funded behavioral health services.

Amends proposed GS 122C-102A to modify the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan, now establishing the purpose to be to provide a framework to ensure DHHS can oversee and monitor publicly funded behavioral health services, including Medicaid and NC Health Choice, county-funded programs, and federally funded programs (previously, to oversee and monitor Medicaid, NC Health Choice, and other State-funded behavioral health services, managed by LME/MCOs and health care providers). Changes the Comprehensive Plan submission requirements, now requiring DHHS to submit an initial Comprehensive Plan for review by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (Committee) by January 31, 2020, followed by annual updates each subsequent year (previously, required annual submission by January 31 of each year, rather than updates after an initial submission, and included submission to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice in addition to the Committee). Now requires DHHS to ensure that all stakeholders, including prepaid health plans, are fully engaged in developing the mission, vision, goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan (previously, required DHHS to facilitate stakeholder cooperation and support and did not specifically include prepaid health plans).

Regarding the content of the Comprehensive Plan, specifies that all components of the Plan are to be developed by DHHS with input from stakeholders. Modifies the required content as follows. Now requires that the Comprehensive Plan more specifically include a 10-year vision of a future State behavioral health system if the mission of the Comprehensive Plan is achieved, to be reviewed every three years and updated as appropriate to meet the State's needs and expectations (previously, did not require regular review and updates). Additionally, requires the three-year goal statements to be reviewed annually and updated as appropriate. Directs DHHS to submit updated objectives with the annual updates of the Comprehensive Plan submitted to the Committee. No longer requires the Comprehensive Plan to include activities to be undertaken to obtain the objectives. Concerning the assessment required in order to develop the Comprehensive Plan, adds staffing levels, training, and competency prepaid health plans to the required components of the assessment. Also requires assessment of access to behavioral health services provided by specific standards that can include six identified standards or others, as determined by DHHS (rather than services provided the most appropriate provider measured by at least four specified standards). Also requires the assessment to include the need and utilization of the behavioral health system by funding source, as well as coordination and integration of behavioral health care services that includes communication with, from and between providers, LME/MCOs, and prepaid health plans (previously, only with, from and between providers). Makes further clarifying and technical changes.

No longer explicitly requires DHHS to identify a third-party vendor to assist in completion of the Comprehensive Plan in the event DHHS cannot complete the Plan in a timely manner. Now establishes a deadline by which DHHS must report to the Committee a pre-identified third-party vendor's completed Comprehensive Plan in the event DHHS determines by December 1 that the deadline will not be met, setting the reporting deadline for January 31, 2020 (previously, required DHHS to notify the

Committee and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and NC Health Choice of the need for a third-party vendor and the anticipated deadline for completion of the Comprehensive Plan).

Part II.

Makes further conforming changes to refer to the Comprehensive Plan for the Publicly funded Behavioral Health System in proposed GS 122-3(8b), GS 122C-112.1 and GS 122C-171. Also makes technical changes to proposed GS 122-3(8b) and the lead in language to the proposed changes to GS 122C-55.

Further amends GS 122C-112.1, adding to the DHHS Secretary's duties a charge to provide a detailed overview of the monitoring and oversight process to be in place for prepaid health plans as it applies to management of services for individuals with mental illness, intellectual and other developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and substance use disorders.

Intro. by Insko, Ball, Quick.

GS 122C

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Government, State Agencies, Department of Health and Human Services, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers, Mental Health

PUBLIC/SENATE BILLS

S 681 (2019-2020) [RUR HLTH CARE/LOC. SALES TAX FLEX/UTIL. ACCT. \(NEW\)](#) Filed Jun 20 2019, *AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE RURAL HEALTH CARE STABILIZATION PROGRAM; TO GIVE COUNTIES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX WITHOUT INCREASING THE EXISTING MAXIMUM TAX RATE; AND TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR UTILITY ACCOUNT FUNDS.*

House committee substitute to the 3rd edition makes the following changes.

Part I.

Amends new Article 2, Rural Health Care Stabilization Program, to GS Chapter 131A, changing the maturity for loans awarded under the Program to not exceed 20 years (was, not to exceed ten years, with a one-time option to extend the loan for another ten years).

Part II.

Restricts the levy of the additional 0.25% sales and use tax allowed under the provisions of Part II until on or after October 1, 2020, if the levy results in a 2.5% county sales and use tax rate.

Intro. by Berger, Tillman.

GS 105, GS 113A, GS 116, GS 131A, GS 142, GS 143B

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Development, Land Use and Housing, Community and Economic Development, Land Use, Planning and Zoning, Government, State Agencies, UNC System, Tax, Local Government, Health and Human Services, Health, Health Care Facilities and Providers

ACTIONS ON BILLS

PUBLIC BILLS**H 231: NCCC REORG. AUTHORITY & CAREER COACHES. (NEW)**

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

H 305: SUMMER SCHOOL STUDY/COLLEGE ADV. CORPS. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 372: UNC AP SCORES & FUNDS/NCSSM-MORGANTON CAMPUS. (NEW)

House: Amend Failed A1

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

H 822: COMPREHENSIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PLAN.

House: Reptd Fav Com Substitute

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

S 68: RELOCATION OF WATER/SEWER LINE COSTS.

House: Regular Message Sent To Senate

S 199: CHILD SEX ABUSE/STRENGTHEN LAWS.

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Engrossed

S 356: SURP. PROCEEDS; CERT. SEIZED VEH. SALES. (NEW)

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

S 380: DNCR ADD NEW TRAILS & VARIOUS CHANGES.

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Stricken

House: Serial Referral To Judiciary Added

House: Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House Added

S 537: ACH PMT/COUNSELOR-SA-SW ACT AMEND/DHHS REV. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

S 584: CRIMINAL LAW REFORM.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

S 590: MODIFY CONTINUING ED FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS.

House: Passed 2nd Reading

House: Passed 3rd Reading

House: Ordered Enrolled

S 681: RUR HLTH CARE/LOC. SALES TAX FLEX/UTIL. ACCT. (NEW)

House: Reptd Fav Com Sub 2

House: Cal Pursuant Rule 36(b)

LOCAL BILLS**S 270: DURHAM/CLEMMONS DEANNEXATION. (NEW)**

House: Withdrawn From Cal

House: Re-ref Com On Finance

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