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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 985**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to behavioral health services; to amend  
2 section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to  
3 provide duties for the Division of Behavioral Health of the  
4 Department of Health and Human Services and the regional governing  
5 authorities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original  
6 section.

7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2014, is amended to read:

3 71-801 Sections 71-801 to 71-831 and section 2 of this act shall be  
4 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) Each regional behavioral health authority shall report  
6 annually to the division on the operations of the authority and the  
7 development and coordination of behavioral health services within the  
8 region. The report shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

9 (a) A needs assessment identifying: (i) The target populations to be  
10 served; (ii) the types of programs and services necessary to serve the  
11 target population; (iii) the providers currently available to provide  
12 necessary programs and services; (iv) gaps in the delivery of a continuum  
13 of care in behavioral health services; and (v) recommendations for  
14 filling service gaps and estimates of associated costs;

15 (b) Detailed operational and administrative expenditures, including  
16 individual salaries for regional behavioral health authority staff for  
17 the current fiscal year;

18 (c) Personnel classifications and associated requisite hiring  
19 qualifications related to education and experience;

20 (d) Detailed historical operational and administrative expenditures,  
21 including current and historical salaries for regional behavioral health  
22 authority executive staff for the previous five years;

23 (e) A list and description of each behavioral health program and  
24 service available to the public within the region, including programs and  
25 services for: (i) Law enforcement to quickly and safely place emergency  
26 protective custody detainees; (ii) persons detained through emergency  
27 protective custody; (iii) persons seeking voluntary crisis intervention  
28 and stabilization; (iv) educating the public about behavioral health  
29 related illness, recognizing symptoms, and seeking treatment; (v)  
30 preventing substance abuse; and (vi) preventing destructive behaviors  
31 associated with behavioral health illness, including suicide;

1       (f) A list of all contracts, including the contracting provider, the  
2 services which each provider is contracted to provide, the terms of each  
3 contract, the number of people served through each contract, and the  
4 amount expended for each contract for each fiscal year for the current  
5 year and the previous five years or during the duration of the contract,  
6 whichever is longer;

7       (g) Detailed expenditures to providers that are made separate from a  
8 contract; and

9       (h) An analysis of the impact the behavioral health programs and  
10 services have had and are having on the target population, including, but  
11 not limited to: (i) Number of clients seeking services; (ii) number of  
12 clients utilizing services; (iii) frequency of services utilized;  
13 attempted and completed suicides; (iv) behavioral health calls received  
14 by law enforcement and detentions resulting from such calls; and (v)  
15 reductions in detentions, unnecessary hospitalizations, and hospital  
16 diversions.

17       (2) The annual reports required under subsection (1) of this section  
18 shall be made available to the public upon request. The division shall  
19 create a summary report and analysis of all information collected through  
20 the annual reports and submit the summary report and analysis annually to  
21 the Legislature and the Governor. The report to the Legislature shall be  
22 submitted electronically.

23       Sec. 3.    Original section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
24 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.