



AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Children's Mental Health HF 690

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Committee: Human Resources (21-0)

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Amendments

H-1023 by Fry of Clarke

This is mostly a technical amendment. The only substantive change is that a statewide, 24-hour crisis hotline is taken out of the core services section of the bill and is put into its own section. This new section directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Public Health to make available this hotline, which may be provided through the expansion of the YourLifelowa platform.

H-1038 by Fry of Clarke

Another technical amendment that clarifies one member of the State Board is from a health care system, and that the governing board should have a member from the education system of the region, not from the Area Education Agency.

H-1041 by Mascher of Johnson

This is a comprehensive amendment that adds the language found in HF 630, the children's mental health bill that the caucus sponsored. There are only two changes to the original HF 630 language. The first is creating and utilizing regional mental health hotlines, not just a statewide hotline. Second, the suicide prevention committee must provide professional development to teachers on classroom strategies for educating children with mental disorders.

The amendment adds the following to the bill:

- Expands the definition of a children's mental health system to include mental health, behavioral health, neurobiological conditions, and substance abuse.
- Takes out the requirement that a child must have a serious emotional disturbance (SED) disorder to be eligible for the core services. Instead, says that a child has displayed symptoms consistent with a SED.
- Adds transportation services and regional home visiting services as core services.
- Adds a children's psychiatrist, children's psychologist, and early childhood educator to the Children's State Board.
- Inserts the bill language from HF 556, which requires insurance to cover mental health services that take place within schools. This bill was introduced by Rep. Kressig.
- Adds a requirement that the Mental Health and Disability Services (MHDS) regions have to submit a plan to DHS by January 1, 2020 on how they are going to implement and fund the following complex needs services:
 - Hospital and Residential Care (PMIC)
 - Sub-Acute Care

- Intensive Outpatient Services
- Day Treatment
- Juvenile Justice Screening and Diversion

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