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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to behavioral health services; to amend
2 section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; 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 2016, 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, together with a listing of where the
13 providers are located and the locations where services are provided; (iv)
14 gaps in the delivery of a continuum of care in behavioral health
15 services; and (v) recommendations for filling service gaps and estimates
16 of associated costs;

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

20 (c) Personnel classifications and associated requisite hiring
21 qualifications related to education and experience;

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

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

1 preventing substance abuse; and (vi) preventing destructive behaviors
2 associated with behavioral health illness, including suicide;

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

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

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

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

25 Sec. 3. Original section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative
26 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.