LEGISLATIVE BILL 50

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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, 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,
Section 1. Section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, is amended to read:
71-801 Sections 71-801 to 71-831 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act.

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

(a) A needs assessment identifying: (i) The target populations to be served; (ii) the types of programs and services necessary to serve the target population; (iii) the providers currently available to provide necessary programs and services, together with a listing of where the providers are located and the locations where services are provided; (iv) gaps in the delivery of a continuum of care in behavioral health services; and (v) recommendations for filling service gaps and estimates of associated costs;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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