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limited to, (a) the number of persons receiving regional center services, (b) the number of persons ordered by a mental health board to receive inpatient or outpatient treatment and receiving regional center services, (c) the number of persons ordered by a mental health board to receive inpatient and outpatient treatment and receiving community-based services, (d) the number of persons voluntarily admitted to a regional center and receiving regional center services, (e) the number of persons waiting to receive regional center services, (f) the number of persons waiting to be transferred from the regional center to community-based services or other regional center services, (g) the number of persons discharged from a regional center who are receiving community-based services or other regional center services, and (h) the number of persons admitted to behavioral health crisis centers. Regional behavioral health authorities are required to provide necessary information as requested by the division for such purpose. The division is required to submit quarterly reports of such information to the Governor and the Legislature, beginning July 1 of 2005. There is no fiscal impact intended by these provisions, as...if you'll notice on your computer, it does mention one. But we've cleared that just this morning. There is no fiscal impact to this reporting section. The division is required to contract with one or more national entities to review current Medicaid funding for behavioral health services. A report of recommendation to increase such funding for such services is required by December 1, 2005. This also comes from LB 618, introduced by Senator Flood. The anticipated fiscal impact of this part of the amendment, as reported by the Fiscal Office, is \$175,000 in General Funds, and \$175,000 in federal funds. I would like to look at this number between now and Select File, also work with Senator Flood to see if there needs to be a fiscal addition to this. And so if you would allow us to work on that between now and Select File, I'd certainly like to have the opportunity to do that. I might mention, if many of you will recall, we one time had a contract with MAXIMUS, where there was a percentage that they participated in that...to improve or to bring more Medicaid funds into the state. That did not work out well. And as a matter of fact, we introduced legislation later on that said we're not going to go down that road again. So we're not looking at a contractor that would say, if we bring in so many