

Subject Children's mental health

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Overview

This bill, as amended by H2040A4, makes several changes to children's behavioral health provisions. It updates terminology and makes clarifying changes, and requires county boards to provide needs assessments for children with mental health needs or who are involved in the juvenile justice system. The bill also adds an exception to the corporate child foster care licensing moratorium; requires the commissioner of human services to apply to implement a medical assistance federal reentry demonstration for detained and incarcerated juveniles; and requires an update on the children's residential mental health crisis stabilization medical assistance benefit. The final three sections of the amended bill require the commissioner to phase in payment rates included in the fee-for-service outpatient services rate study and appropriate money for a regional continuum of care for high-need youth and a grant to Hennepin County for a regional youth crisis stabilization program.

Summary

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1	Duties of county board.
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	Amends § 245.4874, subd. 1. Modifies terminology from "mental health" to "behavioral health" and updates assessment and screening terminology to include needs assessments. Adds juvenile detention facilities and involvement in the juvenile justice system; updates and clarifies terms.
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2	<p data-bbox="318 264 613 289">Licensing moratorium.</p> <p data-bbox="318 310 1417 533">Amends § 245A.03, subd. 7. Adds an exception to the corporate child foster care licensing moratorium (foster care in which the primary license holder does not reside in the residence), to allow licensing of new child foster residence settings or community residential settings determined to be needed by the commissioner to allow movement to the community for a person who no longer requires hospital care; lists criteria for the commissioner to consider.</p> <p data-bbox="318 575 1417 680">Adds paragraph (c), to allow the commissioner to grant a license to a child foster residence setting to prepare beds in advance for individuals with complex behavioral or medical support needs, if the setting meets the moratorium exceptions.</p>
3	<p data-bbox="318 726 1295 751">Updates on children’s residential mental health crisis stabilization benefit.</p> <p data-bbox="318 772 1417 995">By July 1, 2025, requires the commissioner of human services to provide an update to the legislature on the development of the children’s residential mental health crisis stabilization medical assistance benefit. By August 1, 2025, requires the commissioner to share a draft of the report required in 2024 session law detailing the children's residential mental health crisis stabilization benefit (due by October 1, 2025) with counties.</p>
4	<p data-bbox="318 1041 1263 1066">1115 waiver for medical assistance reentry demonstration for juveniles.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1087 1417 1310">By September 1, 2025, requires the commissioner of human services to apply to implement a medical assistance federal reentry demonstration for detained and incarcerated juveniles. Specifies that the application must include behavioral health screening, diagnostic, and targeted case management services for juveniles pre- and post-release. Requires the commissioner to produce an application draft to counties and providers for comment by May 30, 2025.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1352 1127 1381">Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>
5	<p data-bbox="318 1428 1192 1453">Implementation of outpatient and behavioral health service rates.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1474 1417 1541">Requires the commissioner of human services to begin phasing in implementation of rates included in the fee-for-service outpatient services rate study by July 1, 2025.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1583 1127 1612">Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>
6	<p data-bbox="318 1659 1013 1684">Appropriation; regional continuum of care for youth.</p> <p data-bbox="318 1705 1417 1850">Appropriates \$2,000,000 in each of the next two fiscal years as onetime funding for a grant to Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Olmsted, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties for activities related to establishing a regional continuum of care for high-need youth.</p>

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7	<p data-bbox="316 262 1430 300">Appropriation; regional youth crisis stabilization program.</p> <p data-bbox="316 310 1430 384">Appropriates \$2,000,000 in each of the next two fiscal years for a grant to Hennepin County for a regional youth crisis stabilization program to increase access to services.</p> <p data-bbox="316 415 1430 453">Makes this section effective the day following final enactment.</p>



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