

Subject Mental health services

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Overview

This bill establishes and codifies an early childhood mental health consultation grant program, provides additional rights to children receiving home and community-based services under chapter 245D; modifies requirements for children’s therapeutic services and supports (CTSS) day treatment services; and for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services (IRMHS), removes age categories and modifies core team requirements.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Establishment and authority.</p> <p>Amends § 245.4889, subd. 1. Adds citation to children’s mental health grants, for early childhood mental health consultation grants.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Early childhood mental health consultation grants.</p> <p>Proposes coding for § 245.4908. Establishes an early childhood mental health consultation grant program, to support the delivery of specialized mental health care to children five years of age or younger. Specifies eligible applicants, allowable grant activities and expenses, and requirements for collecting data and measuring outcomes, and requires an annual report to the legislature on the grant program.</p> <p>Makes the section effective July 1, 2026.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Protection-related rights.</p> <p>Amends § 245D.04, subd. 3. Inserts exception language for conformity.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Rights of minor children.</p> <p>Amends § 245D.04 by adding subd. 4. Paragraph (a) defines the terms “developmentally appropriate” and “reasonably prudent parenting.”</p> |

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Paragraph (b) establishes that children receiving services under chapter 245D have the rights to: (1) participate in activities or events that are age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate; and (2) receive reasonable and prudent parenting.

Paragraph (c) allows restrictions of protection-related rights under chapter 245D only if necessary to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the person, or pursuant to reasonable and prudent parenting standards.

5 **Definitions.**

Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 1. Makes a technical change; modifies the definition of “day treatment program” under children’s therapeutic services and supports, so that a program providing psychotherapy for two or more individuals, rather than three or more, qualifies.

6 **Service delivery criteria.**

Amends § 256B.0943, subd. 9. For children’s therapeutic services and supports day treatment, removes allowance to provide fewer than the minimally required hours during a child’s transition period. Make clarifying change and conforming change to lower the minimum number of clients.

7 **Standards for intensive nonresidential rehabilitative providers.**

Amends § 256B.0947, subd. 5. For intensive nonresidential rehabilitative mental health services, removes the age categories and instead allows an individual treatment team to serve an age group based on the team’s training and expertise. Allows a board-certified psychiatrist, rather than only a board-certified child and adolescent psychologist, to be part of the core team. Also adds a registered nurse to optional core team members.



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