

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB64

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u> </u>	In Committee	<u> </u>	Substitute	<u> </u>	Enrolled

2. Patron: Howell

3. Committee: Education and Health

4. Title: **Community services boards; add crisis stabilization, outpatient, etc. to list of core services.**

5. Summary: Community services boards; core services. Adds crisis stabilization, outpatient, respite, in-home, and residential and housing services to the list of core services required to be provided by community services boards.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Tentative

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Tentative

8. Fiscal Implications: The cost of this bill is dependent on the interpretation and implementation of the provision. The language adds several services to list of “core of services” for Community Services Boards, which currently include only emergency services, and subject to availability of funds, case management. The language may be interpreted to read that Community Services Boards must provide these services, but are not mandated to provide them to every individual who requests these services, therefore resulting in minimal fiscal impact. If, however, the language is interpreted to require that every individual identified with a mental illness, mental retardation or substance abuse disorder be provided these services, the cost of the bill would be significant.

The cost of mental health services would exceed \$82.3 million. This includes \$11.5 million for case management, \$33.7 million for outpatient services for children and adults, \$17.0 million for emergency psychiatrists, and \$20.1 million for crisis stabilization. These numbers originate with the Office of the Inspector General’s recommendation to address gaps in the mental health system.

For individuals with mental retardation, the bill could require the provision of services to all 20,000 individuals identified as having an intellectual disability. Costs per person would range from \$3,000 for respite services, to the full cost of a waiver slot at \$35,000. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services estimate the cost of mental retardation services to be \$60 million.

It should also be noted that the availability of providers for these types of services may be limited, particularly in certain regions of the state. The capacity of CSBs to conform to the provisions of this bill will be driven by their ability to identify and contract with providers.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; Community Services Boards

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

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