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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 90

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*Requesting the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to study the funding formula used to distribute resources to community services boards. Report.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is charged with distributing state-allocated funds to community services boards according to policies and procedures established by the Department; and

WHEREAS, while the General Assembly has given the Department several factors to consider in making such disbursement, including the total amount of funds available, any conditions attached by the General Assembly, and input from the community services boards, the Department has broad discretion in determining the distribution formula; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years community services boards have grown in importance and been given more responsibility in providing greater treatment and monitoring services to the members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, in these challenging economic times it is more important than ever to ensure that every state dollar is being used as effectively as possible in treating those in need; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services be requested to study the funding formula used to distribute resources to community services boards.

In conducting its study, the Department shall (i) review the various programs and services being provided by community services boards across the state, including any voluntary or pilot programs, and how such programs and services are funded, (ii) examine the effectiveness of the current formula in adequately funding such programs and services, (iii) consider the most effective use of limited funds in providing the most essential services through the community services boards to meet the needs of citizens of the Commonwealth, and (iv) ensure that the funding formula adequately reflects the current population and demographics of the various localities.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Department for this study, upon request.

The Department shall complete its meetings by November 30, 2010, and shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an executive summary and a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports no later than the first day of the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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