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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6527

BILL NUMBER: HB 1208

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 10, 2009

SUBJECT: Health, Mental Health, and Addiction Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Mental Health Corrections Quality Advisory Committee. The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to adopt standards for the use of mental health drugs for county jails that are the same as the standards used by DOC.

The bill creates the Mental Health Medicaid Quality Advisory Committee as a permanent committee to advise the Drug Utilization Review Board. (The Medicaid Quality Advisory Committee is a temporary committee that expires July 1, 2009.)

This bill also provides for the closing of a juvenile proceeding for the testimony of health care providers and certain other providers. It creates a multi-agency task force on workforce development issues relating to individuals with mental health and addictions issues.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Mental Health.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Department of Correction:* DOC is required to adopt rules for county jails to govern the use of drugs for controlling a mental or emotional disorder for confined persons. This provision will increase the workload of DOC in order to adopt the rules and ensure their implementation.

(Revised) *Mental Health Corrections Quality Advisory Committee:* The bill also establishes the Mental Health Corrections Quality Advisory Committee to advise DOC and make recommendations concerning the

Department's medication formulary for mental health and addictive disorders. The Committee consists of seven members, two of whom are state employees. The bill is silent on per diem and travel reimbursement for Committee members.

Mental Health Medicaid Quality Advisory Committee: The legislation also creates the Mental Health Medicaid Quality Advisory Committee, which is intended to advise the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) and make recommendations regarding preventing prescription fraud. The Committee consists of seven members, of which four are appointed by the Governor. The legislation will extend the Mental Health Medicaid Quality Advisory Committee to be permanent, as it is scheduled to expire by July 1, 2009. FSSA reports that expenditures for this Committee are provided from OMPP operating expenses, and the bill will not increase state expenditures by removing the sunset provision.

Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA): The legislation also creates the Workforce Development Task Force, which is charged to study issues concerning individuals with mental illness. The Task Force consists of 21 members and is staffed by the DMHA. These provisions will increase the workload of DMHA to staff the Task Force.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DOC, DMHA.

Local Agencies Affected:

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