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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6527

BILL NUMBER: HB 1208

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 31, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Mar 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Health, Mental Health, and Addiction Matters.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. C. Lawson

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill establishes the Mental Health Corrections Quality Advisory Committee.

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: *Mental Health Corrections Quality Advisory Committee:* The bill 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.

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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