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1 AN ACT Relating to the joint legislative and executive task force
2 on mental health services delivery and financing; and amending 2005 c
3 503 s 14 (uncodified).

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** 2005 c 503 s 14 (uncodified) is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (1) A joint legislative and executive task force on mental health
8 services delivery and financing is created. The joint task force shall
9 consist of eight members, as follows: The secretary of the department
10 of social and health services or his or her designee; the president of
11 the Washington state association of counties or his or her designee; a
12 representative from the governor's office; two members of the senate
13 appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member
14 of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the
15 minority caucus; two members of the house of representatives appointed
16 by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a
17 member of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the
18 minority caucus; and the chair of the joint legislative audit and
19 review committee or his or her designee. Staff support for the joint

1 task force shall be provided by the office of financial management, the
2 house of representatives office of program research, and senate
3 committee services.

4 (2) The joint task force may create advisory committees to assist
5 the joint task force in its work.

6 (3) Joint task force members may be reimbursed for travel expenses
7 as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and chapter 44.04 RCW,
8 as appropriate. Advisory committee members, if appointed, shall not
9 receive compensation or reimbursement for travel or expenses.

10 (4) The joint task force shall oversee and make recommendations
11 related to:

12 (a) The reorganization of the mental health administrative
13 structure within the department of social and health services;

14 (b) The standards and correction process and the procurement
15 process established by sections 4 through 6 of this act, including the
16 establishment of regional support networks through a procurement
17 process;

18 (c) The extent to which the current funding distribution
19 methodology achieves equity in funding and access to services for
20 mental health services consumers;

21 (d) Serving the needs of nonmedicaid consumers for the priority
22 populations under chapter 71.24 RCW; (~~and~~)

23 (e) The types, numbers, and locations of inpatient psychiatric
24 hospital and community residential beds needed to serve persons with a
25 mental illness; and

26 (f) The caseloads maintained by community mental health workers and
27 the extent to which high caseloads pose health and safety risks to
28 clients, workers, and the general public.

29 (5) The joint task force shall report its initial findings and
30 recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the
31 legislature by January 1, 2006, and its final findings and
32 recommendations by June 30, 2007.

33 (6) This section expires June 30, 2007.

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