

HB 2912-S2 - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Requires that mental health professionals do private home visits in pairs and providing for other safety and violence prevention measures.

Requires that any mental health professional who engages in home visits to clients shall be provided by their employer with a wireless telephone or comparable device for the purpose of emergency communication.

Requires that any mental health professional that is dispatched on a crisis outreach visit shall have prompt access to existing case files, if any exist, on the client they are being sent to evaluate.

Provides that annually, all community mental health employees who work directly with clients shall be provided with training on safety and violence prevention. The curriculum for the training shall be developed collaboratively among the department of social and health services, contracted mental health providers, and employee organizations that represent community mental health workers.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.