

SB 5431 - DIGEST

Requires the secretary of the department of health to:
(1) License or certify intensive behavioral health treatment facilities and mental health drop-in centers that meet state minimum standards; and

(2) Establish rules working with the state health care authority and the department of social and health services to create standards for licensure or certification of intensive behavioral health treatment facilities and mental health drop-in centers.

Requires the state health care authority and certain entities to: (1) Work with willing community hospitals and evaluation and treatment facilities to assess their capacity to become licensed or certified to provide long-term mental health placements; and

(2) Enter into contract and payment arrangements with the hospitals and facilities choosing to provide the placements.