

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB260

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2013

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 260 changes the behavioral health services requirements involving the data and information system and reporting. This bill eliminates the requirements for data collection and reporting of services for persons receiving state funded behavioral health services. The following requirements for this system are eliminated:

- the number of persons ordered by a mental health board to receive behavioral health services;
- the number of persons ordered by a mental health board to receive inpatient or outpatient treatment and receiving regional center services;
- the number of persons ordered by a mental health board to receive inpatient or outpatient treatment and receiving community based services;
- the number of persons voluntarily admitted to a regional center and receiving regional center services;
- the number of persons waiting to receive regional center services;
- the number of persons waiting to be transferred from a regional center to community-based services or other regional center services;
- the number of persons discharged from a regional center who are receiving community-based services or other regional center services; and
- the number of persons admitted to behavioral health crisis center.

The bill eliminates the quarterly reporting requirement for such information. Today's behavioral health system has successfully transitioned to the next phase of growth and has established new processes to coordinate care, monitor quality and enhance capacity within the behavioral health system. The usefulness of the initial reporting requirements has expired and has since been replaced with more appropriate processes.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Gloor