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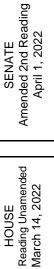
101 **CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE**

102 SYSTEM.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

The bill requires crisis system facilities and programs, including crisis walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs, to meet minimum standards to provide mental health and substance use disorder services. The bill clarifies that crisis system facilities and programs shall provide behavioral health services to individuals experiencing a substance use disorder crisis. Mobile crisis programs and crisis walk-in centers shall



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provide crisis services to any individual, including youth of any age.

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104, amend

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

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3 as it will become effective July 1, 2022, (1); amend (3)(b); and add 4 (3)(a.5) and (3.5) as follows: 5 27-60-104. Behavioral health crisis response system - crisis 6 service facilities - walk-in centers - mobile response units - report. 7 (1) All behavioral health entities, crisis walk-in centers, acute treatment 8 units, MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS, RESPITE SERVICES, and crisis stabilization 9 units within the crisis response system, regardless of facility PROGRAM 10 licensure, must be able to SHALL MEET STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL 11 PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-66-105. FACILITY-BASED CRISIS SERVICE 12 PROVIDERS MUST BE APPROVED OR DESIGNATED TO adequately care for an 13 individual brought to the facility through the emergency mental health 14 procedure described in section 27-65-105 or a voluntary application for 15 mental health services pursuant to section 27-65-103 AND BE AN 16 APPROVED TREATMENT FACILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-106. The 17 arrangements for care must be completed through the crisis response 18 system or prearranged partnerships with other crisis intervention services. 19 (3) (a.5) ALL CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE'S 20 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY LICENSED, 21 ADEQUATELY PREPARED, AND PROPERLY STAFFED TO PROVIDE CRISIS 22 SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AS THAT 23 TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION 27-81-102, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A 24 DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES 25 ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, REGARDLESS OF PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS, CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS, OR IF THE
INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, AS
DEFINED IN SECTION 12-270-104. A CRISIS WALK-IN CENTER SHALL
PRIORITIZE TREATING HIGH-ACUITY INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEAST
RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

6 (b) Increasing The ability of CRISIS walk-in centers to accept 7 individuals through the emergency mental health procedure outlined in 8 section 27-65-105, A VOLUNTARY APPLICATION FOR SUBSTANCE USE 9 DISORDER SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-109, or a voluntary 10 application for mental health services pursuant to section 27-65-103 may 11 include, but is not limited to, purchasing, installing, and using telehealth 12 operations for mobile crisis evaluations in partnership with hospitals, 13 clinics, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate service 14 providers.

15 (3.5) MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS AND CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS 16 SHALL PROVIDE CRISIS RESPONSE SCREENING SERVICES TO ANY 17 INDIVIDUAL SEEKING SUCH SERVICES, INCLUDING YOUTH OF ANY AGE AND 18 AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY, AS DEFINED IN THE 19 FEDERAL"AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 20 12101 ET SEQ., AS AMENDED, REGARDLESS OF PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS, 21 CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS, OR IF THE INDIVIDUAL REQUIRES ASSISTANCE 22 WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-270-104. 23 ALL ADDITIONAL OR CORRESPONDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES 24 BEYOND THE CRISIS RESPONSE SCREENING MUST BE PROVIDED IN 25 ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT 26 LIMITED TO, SECTIONS 12-245-203.5, 13-22-102, AND 27-65-103.

27 **SECTION 2.** Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

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- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.