

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Criminal Justice (Crist) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 90 - 97

and insert:

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(a) The identification of all state funds being expended on the care of adults with mental illnesses who have legal involvement with state and county courts. This shall include a review of how an expansion or revision of the state's optional insurance coverage for mental and nervous disorders could mitigate the amount of total public funds expended on care in any correctional facility and funds expended on medication,

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courts, attorneys, state institutions, contracts with private institutions, community-based programs, Medicaid services, state-funded substance abuse services, state-funded mental health services, and managed care plans. To this end, the workgroup is directed to analyze data pertinent to health insurance coverage for mental health benefits in this state, and to determine how incarceration rates are affected or exacerbated by lack of access to adequate or affordable health insurance coverage for adults with mental illnesses.