

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/SB 12, 2nd Eng.  
INTRODUCER: Appropriations Committee and Senator Garcia  
SUBJECT: Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
DATE: March 8, 2016

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1 – 171349 (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** adds legislative intent language regarding the behavioral health care system and states that it is the intent of the Legislature not to discharge patients from treatment facilities into homelessness and that state policy on behavioral health be based on data.

The amendment revises the definition of care coordination for behavioral health care.

The amendment requires that behavioral health case managers be certified by a credentialing entity by July 1, 2017.

The amendment requires the Department of Children and Families designate behavioral health receiving systems in local communities. The Senate Bill 1<sup>st</sup> engrossed required counties and the local behavioral health managing entity to designate the local receiving system.

The amendment requires that the qualified second opinions for involuntary treatment under the Baker Act be performed by psychiatrists or psychologists.

The amendment requires the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration develop a plan to obtain federal approval to increase Medicaid funding for behavioral health care.

The amendment supersedes the Florida Building Code to allow mental health treatment facilities to be located on buildings on floors other than the ground floor.

The amendment requires the Department of Children and Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration develop a plan for consolidated licenses for behavioral health providers and facilities.

The amendment requires local law enforcement agencies to fill out a form developed by the Department of Children and Families when transporting persons under the Marchman Act for substance abuse.

The amendment adds the substance of SB 794/HB 615 relating to parenting plans for the treatment of children's mental health issues.

The amendment adds the substance of SB 604/HB 439 relating to mental health services in the criminal justice system.