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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
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ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Children, Families &
2 Seniors Subcommittee
3 Representative Hunschofsky offered the following:
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Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove lines 43-153 and insert:

7 (3) MEMBERSHIP; TERM LIMITS; MEETINGS.—

8 (a) The commission shall be composed of 19 members as
9 follows:

10 1. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
11 the Senate.

12 2. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

14 3. The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
15 designee.

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16 4. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
17 Administration or his or her designee.

18 5. A person living with a mental health disorder appointed
19 by the President of the Senate.

20 6. A family member of a consumer of publicly funded mental
21 health, appointed by the President of the Senate.

22 7. A representative of the Louis de la Parte Florida
23 Mental Health Institute within the University of South Florida,
24 appointed by the President of the Senate.

25 8. A representative of a county school district, appointed
26 by the President of the Senate.

27 9. A representative of mental health courts, appointed by
28 the Governor.

29 10. A representative of a treatment facility, as defined
30 in s. 394.455, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
31 Representatives.

32 11. A representative of a managing entity as defined in s.
33 394.9082(2), appointed by the Speaker of the House of
34 Representatives.

35 12. A representative of a community substance abuse
36 provider, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives.

38 13. A psychiatrist licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
39 459 practicing within the mental health delivery system,
40 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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41 14. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490 practicing
42 within the mental health delivery system, appointed by the
43 Governor.

44 15. A mental health professional licensed under chapter
45 491, appointed by the Governor.

46 16. An emergency room physician, appointed by the
47 Governor.

48 17. A representative from the field of law enforcement,
49 appointed by the Governor.

50 18. A representative from the criminal justice system,
51 appointed by the Governor.

52 19. A representative of a child welfare agency involved in
53 the delivery of behavioral health services, appointed by the
54 Governor.

55 (b) The Governor shall appoint the chair from the members
56 of the commission. Appointments to the commission must be made
57 by August 1, 2021. Members shall be appointed to serve at the
58 pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. A vacancy on
59 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the
60 original appointment.

61 (c) The commission shall convene no later than September
62 1, 2021. The commission shall meet quarterly or upon the call of
63 the chair. The commission shall hold its meetings via
64 teleconference or other electronic means.

65 (4) DUTIES.-

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66 (a) The duties of the Commission on Mental Health and
67 Substance Abuse include the following:

68 1. Conducting a review and evaluation of the management
69 and functioning of the existing publicly supported mental health
70 and substance abuse systems and services in the Department of
71 Children and Families, the Agency for Health Care
72 Administration, and all other departments which administer
73 mental health and substance abuse services. Such review shall
74 include, at a minimum, a review of current goals and objectives,
75 current planning, services strategies, coordination management,
76 purchasing, contracting, financing, local government funding
77 responsibility, and accountability mechanisms.

78 2. Considering the unique needs of persons who are dually
79 diagnosed.

80 3. Addressing access to, and financing of, and scope of
81 responsibility in the delivery of emergency behavioral health
82 care services.

83 4. Addressing the quality and effectiveness of current
84 mental health and substance abuse services delivery systems, and
85 professional staffing and clinical structure of services, roles,
86 and responsibilities of public and private providers, such as
87 community mental health centers, community substance abuse
88 agencies, hospitals, including emergency services departments,
89 law enforcement agencies, and the judicial system.

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90 5. Addressing priority population groups for publicly
91 funded mental health and substance abuse services, identifying
92 the comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services
93 delivery systems, mental health and substance abuse needs
94 assessment and planning activities, and local government funding
95 responsibilities for mental health and substance abuse services.

96 6. Reviewing the implementation of chapter 2020-107, Laws
97 of Florida.

98 7. Identifying any gaps in the provision of mental health
99 and substance use disorder services.

100 8. Providing recommendations on how behavioral health
101 managing entities may fulfill their purpose of promoting service
102 continuity.

103 9. Making recommendations regarding the mission and
104 objectives of state-supported mental health and substance abuse
105 services and the planning, management, staffing, financing,
106 contracting, coordination, and accountability mechanisms which
107 will best foster the recommended mission and objectives.

108 10. Evaluating and making recommendations regarding the
109 establishment of a permanent, agency-level entity to manage
110 mental health, substance abuse, and related services statewide.
111 At a minimum, the evaluation must consider and describe the:

112 a. Specific duties and organizational structure proposed
113 for the entity;

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114 b. Resource needs of the entity and possible sources of
115 funding;

116 c. Estimated impact on access to and quality of services;

117 d. Impact on individuals with behavioral health needs and
118 their families, both those currently served through the affected
119 systems providing behavioral health services and those in need
120 of services; and

121 e. Relation to, integration with, and impact on providers,
122 managing entities, communities, state agencies, and systems
123 which provide mental health and substance abuse services in this
124 state. Such recommendations must ensure that the ability of such
125 other agencies and systems to carry out their missions and
126 responsibilities is not impaired.

127 (b) The commission may call upon appropriate departments
128 and agencies of state government for such professional
129 assistance as may be needed in the discharge of its duties, and
130 such departments and agencies shall provide such assistance in a
131 timely manner.

132 (5) REPORTS.—By September 1, 2022, the commission shall
133 submit an interim report to the President of the Senate, the
134 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor
135 containing its findings and recommendations on how to best
136 provide and facilitate mental health and substance abuse
137 services in the state. The commission shall submit its final
138 report by September 1, 2023.

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139 (6) This section is repealed September 1, 2023, unless
140 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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Remove lines 11-13 and insert:

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submit reports of its findings and recommendations to the

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Legislature and Governor by a specified date; providing for

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future repeal