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16 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the commission are to
17 examine the current methods of providing mental health and
18 substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ services in the state and to
19 improve the effectiveness of current practices, procedures,
20 programs, and initiatives in providing such services; identify
21 any barriers or deficiencies in the delivery of such services;
22 assess the adequacy of the current infrastructure of Florida's
23 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) system and other
24 components of the state's crisis response services; and
25 recommend changes to existing laws, rules, and policies
26 necessary to implement the commission's recommendations.

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

28 (a) The commission shall be composed of 19 members as
29 follows:

30 1. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President of
31 the Senate.

32 2. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by
33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

34 3. The Secretary of Children and Families or his or her
35 designee.

36 4. The Secretary of the Agency for Health Care
37 Administration or his or her designee.

38 5. A person living with a mental health disorder,
39 appointed by the President of the Senate.

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40 6. A family member of a consumer of publicly funded mental
41 health services, appointed by the President of the Senate.

42 7. A representative of the Louis de la Parte Florida
43 Mental Health Institute within the University of South Florida,
44 appointed by the President of the Senate.

45 8. A representative of a county school district, appointed
46 by the President of the Senate.

47 9. A representative of mental health courts, appointed by
48 the Governor.

49 10. A representative of a treatment facility, as defined
50 in s. 394.455, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
51 Representatives.

52 11. A representative of a managing entity, as defined in
53 s. 394.9082(2), appointed by the Speaker of the House of
54 Representatives.

55 12. A representative of a community substance use disorder
56 ~~abuse~~ provider, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
57 Representatives.

58 13. A psychiatrist licensed under chapter 458 or chapter
59 459 practicing within the mental health delivery system,
60 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

61 14. A psychologist licensed under chapter 490 practicing
62 within the mental health delivery system, appointed by the
63 Governor.

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64 15. A mental health professional licensed under chapter
65 491, appointed by the Governor.

66 16. An emergency room physician, appointed by the
67 Governor.

68 17. A representative from the field of law enforcement,
69 appointed by the Governor.

70 18. A representative from the criminal justice system,
71 appointed by the Governor.

72 19. A representative of a child welfare agency involved in
73 the delivery of behavioral health services, appointed by the
74 Governor.

75 (b) The Governor shall appoint the chair from the members
76 of the commission. Appointments to the commission must be made
77 by August 1, 2021. Members shall be appointed to serve at the
78 pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. A vacancy on
79 the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the
80 original appointment.

81 (c) The commission shall convene no later than September
82 1, 2021. The commission shall meet quarterly or upon the call of
83 the chair. The commission may hold its meetings in person at
84 locations throughout the state or via teleconference or other
85 electronic means.

86 (d) Members of the commission are entitled to receive
87 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to s.
88 112.061.

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89 (e) Notwithstanding any other law, the commission may
90 request and shall be provided with access to any information or
91 records, including exempt and confidential information or
92 records, which are necessary for the commission to carry out its
93 duties. Information or records obtained by the commission which
94 are otherwise exempt or confidential and exempt shall retain
95 such exempt or confidential and exempt status, and the
96 commission may not disclose such information or records.

97 (4) DUTIES.—

98 (a) The duties of the Commission on Mental Health and
99 Substance Use Disorder ~~Abuse~~ include the following:

100 1. Conducting a review and evaluation of the management
101 and functioning of the existing publicly supported mental health
102 and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ systems and services in the
103 department, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and all
104 other departments which administer mental health and substance
105 use disorder ~~abuse~~ services. Such review shall include, at a
106 minimum, a review of current goals and objectives, current
107 planning, services strategies, coordination management,
108 purchasing, contracting, financing, local government funding
109 responsibility, and accountability mechanisms.

110 2. Considering the unique needs of persons who are dually
111 diagnosed.

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112 3. Addressing access to, financing of, and scope of
113 responsibility in the delivery of emergency behavioral health
114 care services.

115 4. Addressing the quality and effectiveness of current
116 mental health and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ services delivery
117 systems, and professional staffing and clinical structure of
118 services, roles, and responsibilities of public and private
119 providers, such as community mental health centers; community
120 substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ agencies; hospitals, including
121 emergency services departments; law enforcement agencies; and
122 the judicial system.

123 5. Addressing priority population groups for publicly
124 funded mental health and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ services,
125 identifying the comprehensive mental health and substance use
126 disorder ~~abuse~~ services delivery systems, mental health and
127 substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ needs assessment and planning
128 activities, and local government funding responsibilities for
129 mental health and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~ services.

130 6. Reviewing the implementation of chapter 2020-107, Laws
131 of Florida.

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

134 8. Providing recommendations on how behavioral health
135 managing entities may fulfill their purpose of promoting service
136 continuity and work with community stakeholders throughout this

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137 state in furtherance of supporting the NSPL system and other
138 crisis response services.

139 9. Conducting an overview of the current infrastructure of
140 the NSPL system.

141 10. Analyzing the current capacity of crisis response
142 services available throughout this state, including services
143 provided by mobile response teams and centralized receiving
144 facilities. The analysis must include information on the
145 geographic area and the total population served by each mobile
146 response team along with the average response time to each call
147 made to a mobile response team; the number of calls that a
148 mobile response team was unable to respond to due to staff
149 limitations, travel distance, or other factors; and the veteran
150 status and age groups of individuals served by mobile response
151 teams.

152 11. Evaluating and making recommendations to improve
153 linkages between the NSPL infrastructure and crisis response
154 services within this state.

155 12. Identifying available mental health block grant funds
156 that can be used to support the NSPL and crisis response
157 infrastructure within this state, including any available
158 funding through opioid settlements or through the American
159 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2; the Coronavirus Aid,
160 Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136;
161 or other federal legislation.

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162 13. In consultation with the Agency for Health Care
163 Administration, identifying sources of funding available through
164 the Medicaid program specifically for crisis response services,
165 including funding that may be available by seeking approval of a
166 Section 1115 waiver submitted to the Centers for Medicare and
167 Medicaid Services.

168 ~~14.9.~~ Making recommendations regarding the mission and
169 objectives of state-supported mental health and substance use
170 disorder ~~abuse~~ services and the planning, management, staffing,
171 financing, contracting, coordination, and accountability
172 mechanisms which will best foster the recommended mission and
173 objectives.

174 ~~15.10.~~ Evaluating and making recommendations regarding the
175 establishment of a permanent, agency-level entity to manage
176 mental health, substance use disorder ~~abuse~~, and related
177 services statewide. At a minimum, the evaluation must consider
178 and describe the:

179 a. Specific duties and organizational structure proposed
180 for the entity;

181 b. Resource needs of the entity and possible sources of
182 funding;

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

184 d. Impact on individuals with behavioral health needs and
185 their families, both those currently served through the affected

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186 systems providing behavioral health services and those in need
187 of services; and

188 e. Relation to, integration with, and impact on providers,
189 managing entities, communities, state agencies, and systems
190 which provide mental health and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~
191 services in this state. Such recommendations must ensure that
192 the ability of such other agencies and systems to carry out
193 their missions and responsibilities is not impaired.

194 (5) REPORTS.—Beginning By January 1, 2023, and annually
195 thereafter through January 1, 2025, the commission shall submit
196 an interim report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of
197 the House of Representatives, and the Governor containing its
198 findings and recommendations on how to best provide and
199 facilitate mental health and substance use disorder ~~abuse~~
200 services in the state. The commission shall submit its final
201 report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
202 of Representatives, and the Governor by September 1, 2026 ~~2023~~.

203 (6) REPEAL.—This section is repealed September 1, 2026
204 ~~2023~~, unless saved from repeal through reenactment by the
205 Legislature.

206 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

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211 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
212 An act relating to suicide prevention; amending s.
213 394.9086, F.S.; renaming the Commission on Mental
214 Health and Substance Abuse; revising the purposes of
215 the commission to include an assessment of the state's
216 suicide prevention infrastructure; revising the duties
217 of the commission to include duties relating to the
218 state's suicide prevention infrastructure; requiring
219 the commission to submit annual interim reports for a
220 specified timeframe; revising the date by which the
221 commission must submit its final report; extending the
222 repeal date of the commission; providing an effective
223 date.
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