

HB 5307 — Mental Health and Substance Abuse

by Health Care Appropriations and Rep. Grimsley (CS/CS/SB 1466 by Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means; Health and Human Services Appropriations; and Senator Peadar).

This bill makes statutory changes to conform to the funding decisions included in the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Specifically, the bill:

- Eliminates the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation and provides conforming changes to various sections in statute.
- Changes the Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council voting members from 28 to 27 and reduces the number of members appointed by the director of the Office of Drug Control from 14 members to 13 members.
- Requires the Department of Children and Family Services to be responsible for establishing a Statewide Grant Review Committee, which is renamed the “Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Statewide Grant Review Committee” along with revising the current committee structure and its responsibilities relating to developing criteria and review of grant applications.
- Clarifies the submittal of an annual report by January 1 of each year on the activities associated with the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 79-37