

# 30:4-177.63

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**NJSA:** 30:4-177.63 (Requires DHS and DCF to identify available mental health services and perform needs assessment)

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**SPONSOR(S)** Cryan and Others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** January 13, 2009

**COMMITTEE:**            **ASSEMBLY:** Human Services  
                                  **SENATE:** Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

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### FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

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#### A3584

<b>SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:</b> (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)	Yes
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b> Yes
	<b>SENATE:</b> Yes

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<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No
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<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	No
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#### S2446

<b>SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:</b> (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill)	Yes
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY:</b> No
	<b>SENATE:</b> Yes

<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No
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**ASSEMBLY, No. 3584**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**213th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2009

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN**

**District 20 (Union)**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH VAS**

**District 19 (Middlesex)**

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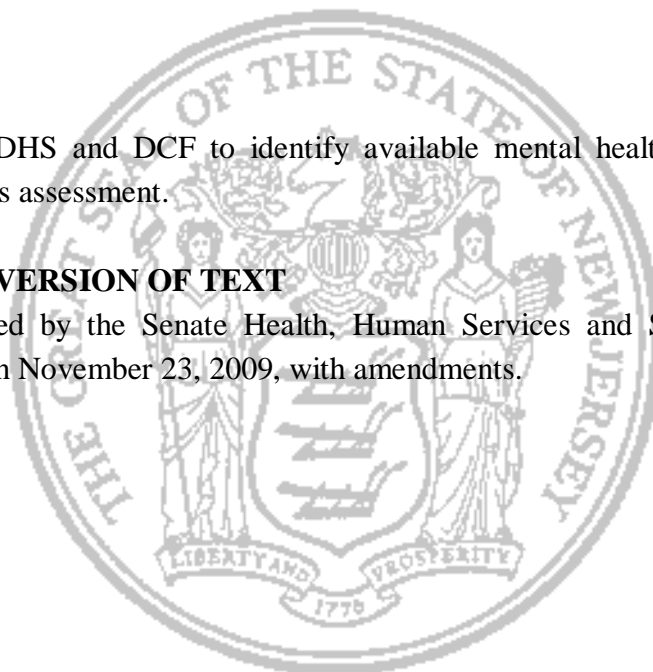
**Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttie, Pou, Senators Codey, Gordon and  
Assemblywoman Greenstein**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DHS and DCF to identify available mental health services and perform needs assessment.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on November 23, 2009, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/12/2010)**

1 AN ACT concerning services for persons with mental illness and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The '[Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Mental  
8 Health Services in the Department of] Commissioners of<sup>1</sup> Human  
9 Services and Children and Families<sup>1</sup> shall:

10 a. '[prepare an inventory of all] establish a mechanism through  
11 which an inventory of all county-based<sup>1</sup> public and private  
12 inpatient, outpatient<sup>1,1</sup> and residential behavioral health services  
13 '[in the State, by county and],<sup>1</sup> by service area served, if  
14 applicable, including the number of treatment beds or treatment  
15 capacity of the service, '[and make the inventory available to the  
16 public, upon request] is made available to the public<sup>1</sup>;

17 b. establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally  
18 recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for inpatient,  
19 outpatient, and residential behavioral health services throughout the  
20 State, taking into account projected patient care level needs;

21 c. 'based on the inventories,<sup>1</sup> annually assess whether sufficient  
22 inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services are  
23 available in each service area of the State<sup>1</sup>[', based on the estimated  
24 need for such services,]<sup>1</sup> in order to ensure timely access to  
25 appropriate behavioral health services for persons who are  
26 voluntarily admitted or involuntarily committed to inpatient  
27 facilities for persons with mental illness in the State, and for  
28 persons who need behavioral health services provided by outpatient  
29 and community-based programs that support the wellness and  
30 recovery for these persons;

31 d. annually identify '[how the necessary] the<sup>1</sup> funding for  
32 existing '[and new programs and services will be provided] mental  
33 health programs<sup>1</sup>;

34 e. '[develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and  
35 planning activities with the Division of Child Behavioral Health in  
36 the Department of Children and Families,] consult with the  
37 Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board and the Mental  
38 Health Planning Council,<sup>1</sup> the Divisions of Developmental  
39 Disabilities and Addiction Services in the Department of Human  
40 Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health  
41 and Senior Services, '[and such other governmental agencies and  
42 task forces that address the needs of consumers of mental health  
43 services and their families, as the assistant commissioner deems

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 23, 2009.

1 appropriate] and family consumer and other mental health  
2 constituent groups, to review the inventories and make  
3 recommendations to the Departments of Human Services and  
4 Children and Families regarding overall mental health services  
5 development and resource needs<sup>1</sup>;

6 f. consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital  
7 Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of Teaching  
8 Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this act. The <sup>1</sup>[division]  
9 commissioners<sup>1</sup> shall also seek input from Statewide organizations  
10 that advocate for persons with mental illness and their families; and

11 g. annually report <sup>1</sup>[his findings and recommendations] on  
12 departmental activities in accordance with this act<sup>1</sup> to the Governor  
13 and to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens  
14 Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their  
15 successor committees. The first report shall be provided no later  
16 than <sup>1</sup>[12] 18<sup>1</sup> months after the effective date of this act.

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18 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following  
19 enactment.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3584

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 213th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2009

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman JOSEPH CRYAN**

**District 20 (Union)**

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**District 19 (Middlesex)**

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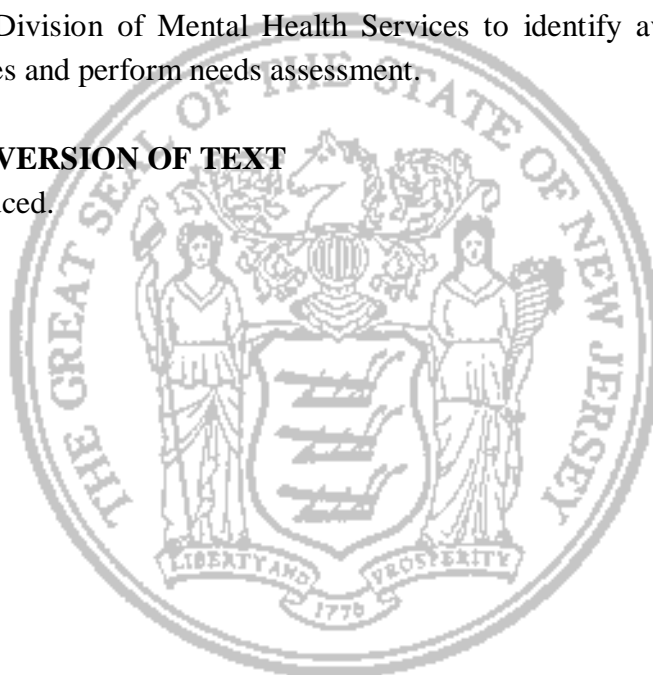
**Assemblywomen Vainieri Huttle and Pou**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Division of Mental Health Services to identify available mental health services and perform needs assessment.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2009)**

1 AN ACT concerning services for persons with mental illness and  
2 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Mental Health  
8 Services in the Department of Human Services shall:

9 a. prepare an inventory of all public and private inpatient,  
10 outpatient and residential behavioral health services in the State, by  
11 county and by service area served, if applicable, including the  
12 number of treatment beds or treatment capacity of the service, and  
13 make the inventory available to the public, upon request;

14 b. establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally  
15 recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for inpatient,  
16 outpatient, and residential behavioral health services throughout the  
17 State, taking into account projected patient care level needs;

18 c. annually assess whether sufficient inpatient, outpatient, and  
19 residential behavioral health services are available in each service  
20 area of the State, based on the estimated need for such services, in  
21 order to ensure timely access to appropriate behavioral health  
22 services for persons who are voluntarily admitted or involuntarily  
23 committed to inpatient facilities for persons with mental illness in  
24 the State, and for persons who need behavioral health services  
25 provided by outpatient and community-based programs that support  
26 the wellness and recovery for these persons;

27 d. annually identify how the necessary funding for existing and  
28 new programs and services will be provided;

29 e. develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and  
30 planning activities with the Division of Child Behavioral Health in  
31 the Department of Children and Families, the Divisions of  
32 Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services in the  
33 Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the  
34 Department of Health and Senior Services, and such other  
35 governmental agencies and task forces that address the needs of  
36 consumers of mental health services and their families, as the  
37 assistant commissioner deems appropriate;

38 f. consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the  
39 Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of  
40 Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this act. The  
41 division shall also seek input from Statewide organizations that  
42 advocate for persons with mental illness and their families; and

43 g. annually report his findings and recommendations to the  
44 Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior  
45 Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee,  
46 or their successor committees. The first report shall be provided no  
47 later than 12 months after the effective date of this act.

1       2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following  
2 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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7       This bill requires the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of  
8 Mental Health Services in the Department of Human Services to:

- 9       • prepare an inventory of all public and private inpatient,  
10       outpatient and residential behavioral health services in the  
11       State, by county and by service area served, if applicable,  
12       including the number of treatment beds or treatment capacity  
13       of the service, and make the inventory available to the public,  
14       upon request;
- 15       • establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally  
16       recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for  
17       inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services  
18       throughout the State, taking into account projected patient care  
19       level needs;
- 20       • annually assess whether sufficient inpatient, outpatient, and  
21       residential behavioral health services are available in each  
22       service area of the State, based on the estimated need for such  
23       services, in order to ensure timely access to appropriate  
24       behavioral health services for persons who are voluntarily  
25       admitted or involuntarily committed to inpatient facilities for  
26       persons with mental illness in the State, and for persons who  
27       need behavioral health services provided by outpatient and  
28       community-based programs that support the wellness and  
29       recovery for these persons;
- 30       • annually identify how the necessary funding for existing and  
31       new programs and services will be provided;
- 32       • develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and  
33       planning activities with the Division of Child Behavioral  
34       Health in the Department of Children and Families, the  
35       Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Addiction  
36       Services in the Department of Human Services, the  
37       Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and  
38       Senior Services, and such other governmental agencies and  
39       task forces that address the needs of consumers of mental  
40       health services and their families, as the assistant  
41       commissioner deems appropriate;
- 42       • consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital  
43       Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of  
44       Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this bill.  
45       The assistant commissioner shall also seek input from  
46       Statewide organizations that advocate for persons with mental  
47       illness and their families; and



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- 1     • annually report his findings and recommendations to the
- 2       Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and
- 3       Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services
- 4       Committee, or their successor committees. The first report
- 5       shall be provided no later than 12 months after the effective
- 6       date of this bill.
- 7     • The bill takes effect on the 60th day following enactment.

# ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 3584

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 11, 2009

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3584.

This bill requires the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Mental Health Services in the Department of Human Services to:

- prepare an inventory of all public and private inpatient, outpatient and residential behavioral health services in the State, by county and by service area served, if applicable, including the number of treatment beds or treatment capacity of the service, and make the inventory available to the public, upon request;
- establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services throughout the State, taking into account projected patient care level needs;
- annually assess whether sufficient inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services are available in each service area of the State, based on the estimated need for such services, in order to ensure timely access to appropriate behavioral health services for persons who are voluntarily admitted or involuntarily committed to inpatient facilities for persons with mental illness in the State, and for persons who need behavioral health services provided by outpatient and community-based programs that support the wellness and recovery for these persons;
- annually identify how the necessary funding for existing and new programs and services will be provided;
- develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and planning activities with the Division of Child Behavioral Health in the Department of Children and Families, the Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and such other governmental agencies and task forces that address the needs of consumers of mental health services and their families, as the assistant commissioner deems appropriate;

- consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this bill. The assistant commissioner shall also seek input from Statewide organizations that advocate for persons with mental illness and their families; and
- annually report his findings and recommendations to the Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their successor committees. The first report shall be provided no later than 12 months after the effective date of this bill.

The bill takes effect on the 60th day following enactment

The bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2446 (Codey) which is currently pending in the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3584**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Assembly Bill No. 3584

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioners of Human Services and Families and Children to:

- establish a mechanism through which an inventory of all county-based public and private inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services, by service area served, if applicable, including the number of treatment beds or treatment capacity of the service, is made available to the public;
- establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services throughout the State, taking into account projected patient care level needs;
- based on the inventories, annually assess whether sufficient inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services are available in each service area of the State in order to ensure timely access to appropriate behavioral health services for persons who are voluntarily admitted or involuntarily committed to inpatient facilities for persons with mental illness in the State, and for persons who need behavioral health services provided by outpatient and community-based programs that support the wellness and recovery for these persons;
- annually identify the funding for existing mental health programs;
- consult with the Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board and the Mental Health Planning Council, the Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and family consumer and other mental health constituent groups, to

review the inventories and make recommendations to the Departments of Human Services and Children and Families regarding overall mental health service development and resource needs;

- consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this bill. The commissioners shall also seek input from Statewide organizations that advocate for persons with mental illness and their families; and
- annually report on departmental activities in accordance with this bill to the Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their successor committees. The first report shall be provided no later than 18 months after the effective date of this bill.

The bill takes effect on the 60th day following enactment.

The committee amended the bill to:

-- provide that the directives in the bill apply to the Commissioners of Human Services and Children and Families, rather than only to the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Mental Health Services in DHS;

-- direct that the commissioners shall establish a mechanism through which an inventory of all county-based behavioral health services is made available to the public, rather than prepare an inventory of all such services in the State;

-- provide that based on the inventory, the commissioners shall assess whether sufficient services are available in each service area of the State;

-- provide that the commissioners shall identify the funding for existing mental health programs, rather than existing and new programs and services;

-- provide that the commissioners shall consult with the Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board and the Mental Health Planning Council, as well other State agencies and family and consumer groups to review the inventories and make recommendations to the departments regarding over all mental health services development and resource needs, rather than develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and planning activities with various State agencies; and

--direct that the commissioners annually report on departmental activities in accordance with the bill, with the first report provided no later than 18 months after the effective date of the bill, rather than 12 months after the effective date.

As amended by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2446 (SCA) (Codey), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

**SENATE, No. 2446**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**213th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 15, 2008

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator RICHARD J. CODEY**  
**District 27 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

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**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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34 Department of Health and Senior Services, and such other  
35 governmental agencies and task forces that address the needs of  
36 consumers of mental health services and their families, as the  
37 assistant commissioner deems appropriate;

38 f. consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the  
39 Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of  
40 Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this act. The  
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2       Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and  
3       Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services  
4       Committee, or their successor committees. The first report  
5       shall be provided no later than 12 months after the effective  
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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2446**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 23, 2009

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with amendments Senate Bill No. 2446.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioners of Human Services and Families and Children to:

- establish a mechanism through which an inventory of all county-based public and private inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services, by service area served, if applicable, including the number of treatment beds or treatment capacity of the service, is made available to the public;
- establish and implement a methodology, based on nationally recognized criteria, to quantify the usage of and need for inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services throughout the State, taking into account projected patient care level needs;
- based on the inventories, annually assess whether sufficient inpatient, outpatient, and residential behavioral health services are available in each service area of the State in order to ensure timely access to appropriate behavioral health services for persons who are voluntarily admitted or involuntarily committed to inpatient facilities for persons with mental illness in the State, and for persons who need behavioral health services provided by outpatient and community-based programs that support the wellness and recovery for these persons;
- annually identify the funding for existing mental health programs;
- consult with the Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board and the Mental Health Planning Council, the Divisions of Developmental Disabilities and Addiction Services in the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Corrections, the Department of Health and Senior Services, and family consumer and other mental health constituent groups, to

review the inventories and make recommendations to the Departments of Human Services and Children and Families regarding overall mental health service development and resource needs;

- consult with the New Jersey Hospital Association, the Hospital Alliance of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Council of Teaching Hospitals in carrying out the purposes of this bill. The commissioners shall also seek input from Statewide organizations that advocate for persons with mental illness and their families; and
- annually report on departmental activities in accordance with this bill to the Governor and to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee, or their successor committees. The first report shall be provided no later than 18 months after the effective date of this bill.

The bill takes effect on the 60th day following enactment.

The committee amended the bill to:

-- provide that the directives in the bill apply to the Commissioners of Human Services and Children and Families, rather than only to the Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Mental Health Services in DHS;

-- direct that the commissioners shall establish a mechanism through which an inventory of all county-based behavioral health services is made available to the public, rather than prepare an inventory of all such services in the State;

-- provide that based on the inventory, the commissioners shall assess whether sufficient services are available in each service area of the State;

-- provide that the commissioners shall identify the funding for existing mental health programs, rather than existing and new programs and services;

-- provide that the commissioners shall consult with the Community Mental Health Citizens Advisory Board and the Mental Health Planning Council, as well other State agencies and family and consumer groups to review the inventories and make recommendations to the departments regarding over all mental health services development and resource needs, rather than develop procedures to coordinate programs, services, and planning activities with various State agencies; and

--direct that the commissioners annually report on departmental activities in accordance with the bill, with the first report provided no later than 18 months after the effective date of the bill, rather than 12 months after the effective date.

As amended by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3584 (SCA) (Cryan/Vas/Quijano/Cruz-Perez), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.