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Senate Bill 384
Finance

(Senator Nathan-Pulliam)

Mental Hygiene Community-Based Services Fund - Residential Rehabilitation
Programs

This bill includes residential rehabilitation programs developed by community mental health providers in a category of services that, in the event a Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) facility is downsized, consolidated, or closed, any remaining funds must be used to support.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The Mental Hygiene Community-Based Services Fund is established under the Health-General Article. The fund's purpose is to ensure that funds from the sale or lease of BHA facilities as a result of downsizing, consolidation, or closure are used to provide community-based services.

If a BHA facility is downsized, consolidated, or closed such that the net resident population declines or if a facility is closed or consolidated and bed capacity levels remain unchanged, any funds remaining after meeting the needs of specified individuals must be used to increase the availability of affordable housing and employment opportunities for individuals with mental illness. The bill explicitly includes services provided in residential

rehabilitation programs developed by community mental health providers in this category of services that must be supported.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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