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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 707
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Salling**” and substitute “**Salling, James, and Hershey**”; in line 2, after “**Law –**” insert “**Definition of**”; in line 3, strike “**– Definition**” and substitute “**and Reports on Emergency Evaluation Petitions**”; and in line 8, after “disorders;” insert “**requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to submit to the General Assembly certain reports regarding the use of petitions for emergency evaluation;**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, after “**MEANS**” insert “**THERE IS, AS A RESULT OF A MENTAL DISORDER,**”; in the same line, strike “**WHETHER OR NOT THE RISK IS IMMINENT**” and substitute “**BASED ON CONDUCT THAT IS RECENT AND RELEVANT TO THE DANGER THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PRESENT**”; in line 4, before “**PERSONAL**” insert “**RECENT**”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “**AS A RESULT OF THE MENTAL DISORDER**”; in line 6, after “**CAUSE**” insert “**SERIOUS**”; in line 7, after “**INDIVIDUAL;**” insert “**OR**”; strike in their entirety lines 8 and 9; in line 10, strike “**(3)**” and substitute “**(2)**”; in line 13, after “**DEATH**” insert “**IN THE NEAR FUTURE.**”; in the same line, strike “**; OR**”; and strike in their entirety lines 14 through 19, inclusive.

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) **Subject paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before December 15, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, the Behavioral Health Administration shall submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, a report regarding the use of petitions for emergency evaluation.**

(2) Each report submitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include data for petitions for emergency evaluations made from October 1 of the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted to September 30 of the year in which the report is submitted, both inclusive.

(3) The Behavioral Health Administration shall make each report submitted under paragraph (1) of this subsection available to the public.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) the number of petitions for emergency evaluation made in the State disaggregated by:

(i) the zip codes of where the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition resided;

(ii) the age of the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition;

(iii) the race of the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition;

(iv) the ethnicity of the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition;

(v) the gender of the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition; and

(vi) any co-occurring disabilities of the individuals who were the subject of an emergency petition;

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(2) the number of emergency petitions made in the State by:

- (i) a health care provider;
- (ii) a member of law enforcement; or
- (iii) another interested person;

(3) the reason the petitions for emergency evaluation were made,
including:

- (i) threat of serious bodily harm to self;
- (ii) action of serious bodily harm to self;
- (iii) threat of serious bodily harm to others;
- (iv) action of serious bodily harm to others; or
- (v) substantial inability to meet basic needs to such a degree as

to create a substantial risk of:

- 1. serious bodily harm;
- 2. serious illness; or
- 3. death;

(4) whether and how use of force was employed, subject to the
requirements established in § 3-524 of the Public Safety Article, in serving each
petition; and

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(5) the result of each petition for emergency evaluation, including whether the individual was:

(i) not served or unable to be located within the required time frame;

(ii) evaluated by a health professional and not admitted for inpatient care;

(iii) evaluated by a health professional and voluntarily admitted for inpatient care; or

(iv) evaluated by a health professional and involuntarily admitted for inpatient care.”;

and in line 3, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.