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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Knauer DATE TYPED: 01/24/01 HB 99  
 SHORT TITLE: Behavioral Health Programs Appropriation SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Chabot

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 1,250.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act (see Fiscal Impact)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)  
 Department of Health (DOH)

No Response Received  
 Department of Human Services

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

This bill makes an appropriation of \$1,250.0 from the general fund to provide for behavioral health programs not provided by Medicaid. Of this amount \$750.0 is to CYFD for the purpose of contracting services and programs including intensive outpatient programs, school-based services, outpatient clinics, wrap-around services, mobile crisis teams, early childhood family-based prevention, crisis stabilization, transitional living, transportation and prevention services; and \$500.0 is to DOH to contract for services and outpatient programs, outpatient clinics, wrap-around services, mobile crisis teams, crisis stabilization, transitional living, transportation, prevention services and consumer-driven services.

#### Significant Issues

Many of the services listed are being provided by CYFD and DOH through community based contracts. This bill would allow the extension of those services to individuals not covered by Medicaid. CYFD would provide services to children and DOH to adults. The bill, however, does not specify eligibility criteria so the services would be available to all individuals requiring

behavioral health treatment. Both CYFD and DOH would expand services through existing programs. DOH expresses that the funds appropriated would quickly be used without some criteria for eligibility.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

For both agencies, one output measure is recommended.

Number of clients provided behavioral health services not funded by Medicaid.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$1,250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Both CYFD and DOH can manage the program within their existing organizations. CYFD states they need an additional .5 full time employee to administer the program.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The bill should be amended to include eligibility criteria. This probably would be stated as income as a percentage of poverty. For example, families are eligible if their income level is 100 percent of poverty. Without eligibility criteria, services would be provided to all who requesters until funds are expended. Neither CYFD nor DOH provided recommended eligibility criteria.

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