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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL
HEALTH DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

1 WHEREAS, the program objective of the Child and Adolescent
2 Mental Health Division of the Department of Health is the
3 following:
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5 To improve the emotional well-being of children and
6 adolescents and to preserve and strengthen their families
7 by assuring easy access to a child and adolescent-focused,
8 family-centered community-based coordinated system of care
9 that addresses the children's and adolescents' physical,
10 social, emotional and other developmental needs within the
11 least restrictive natural environment. To ensure that the
12 child and adolescent mental health system provides timely
13 and accessible mental health services, with a commitment to
14 continuous monitoring and evaluation for effectiveness and
15 efficiency; and
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17 WHEREAS, the clients of the Division, who are among the
18 most vulnerable in the community, consist of youths who through
19 little or no fault of their own or immature life choices have
20 encountered mental health difficulties; and
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22 WHEREAS, the cost of the child and adolescent mental health
23 program is substantial--\$63,000,000 for fiscal year 2016-2017,
24 of which \$41,600,000 is general funds; and
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26 WHEREAS, given the substantial cost, the Legislature finds
27 that the program should be subject to a review of its
28 effectiveness and efficiency; and
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30 WHEREAS, moreover, the Legislature has major concerns about
31 the absence of residential treatment programs on the neighbor



1 islands, lack of payment increases for privately provided
2 residential treatment, and other issues; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Legislature is also concerned about the
5 continuous reorganization of the Division, which complicates
6 legislative budget review of program efficiencies and the
7 benefits to, or impacts upon, the children and adolescents who
8 are served by the Division; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that much of its
11 concerns may result from the current level of appropriations for
12 the program; and

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14 WHEREAS, before committing more resources to the child and
15 adolescent mental health program, however, the Legislature finds
16 that an audit of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division
17 should be performed to determine the effectiveness and
18 efficiency of its operation; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-Eighth
21 Legislature, Regular Session of 2016, the House of
22 Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
23 conduct a management audit of the Child and Adolescent Mental
24 Health Division of the Department of Health; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the audit, the
27 Auditor is requested to review the following:

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29 (1) The referral and intake process;
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31 (2) Interaction of the Division with the Department of
32 Health's other relevant divisions or agencies, the
33 Department of Human Services, the Department of
34 Education, and the Office of Youth Services;
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36 (3) Contracts management process;
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38 (4) Services provided and deliverables;
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40 (5) Medicaid reimbursement rates and maximization
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(6) Adequacy of payments to private providers of residential or community treatment; and

(7) The benefits or detriments of the reorganization of the Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and other relevant state departments and agencies are requested to cooperate with the Auditor in the conduct of the audit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit the audit to the Legislature at least twenty days before the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of Health, and Chief of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division.

OFFERED BY:









