

SECTION 1. STATUTORY REFERENCES TO MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS - REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT. During the 2015-16 interim, the department of human services, in consultation with the state department of health and other stakeholders, shall study statutory references to mental health professionals to determine whether changes in the law may help to more fully utilize these professionals within their scope of practice, as it relates to the responsibilities of the department of human services to provide services or license facilities. In addition, the department of human services shall study statutory language and report recommended changes in alignment with the most current professional standard or with most current diagnostic and statistical manual. Before August 1, 2016, the department of human services shall report to the legislative management the outcome of the study together with any recommendations.