

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 352
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For the Senate Free Conference Committee

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Following: line 21

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 2. Authority -- legislative intent. (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the department of public health and human services is authorized to apply for, receive, and spend funds from public and private sources to fund a behavioral health link for providers to timely interact with one another to better assess and coordinate care for individuals with behavioral health and substance abuse challenges.

(2) It is the intent of the legislature that in order to achieve the behavioral health link objectives in subsection (1), this funding may also be partially used to upgrade the electronic health record at the department's state-owned facilities.

(3) The department is encouraged to seek grants from or other partnerships with public and private sources to support this section. Opportunities include but are not limited to:

(a) the Improving Access to Behavioral Health Information Technology Act (S. 1732/H.R. 3331);

(b) SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, Public Law 115-271, which includes substance use disorder prevention that promotes opioid recovery and treatment and potentially provides incentive payments to behavioral health providers for adopting electronic health records technology and for using that technology to improve the quality and coordination of care;

(c) other public agencies;

(d) partnering with hospitals and behavioral health providers; and

(e) grants from the Montana health care foundation and other foundations."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 3. Authority -- legislative intent. (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the department of corrections is authorized to apply for, receive, and spend funds from public and private sources to assist with funding an electronic health record solution for the department. The department of corrections is encouraged to leverage the department of public health and human services' existing health record platform for its state-owned facilities to the maximum extent possible. An electronic health record is a necessary step in order to enable providers servicing the corrections population to undertake new treatment protocols or participate in the behavioral health link contemplated in [section 2].

(2) It is the intent of the legislature that the electronic health record solution contemplated under subsection (1) should be designed to enable regional jails and community corrections providers to implement the same solution at their election.

(3) The department of corrections is encouraged to utilize its existing budget authority within its clinical services division, as well as seeking grants from or other partnerships with public and private sources to support an electronic health record implementation, which may include partnering with the department of public health and human services. Opportunities include but are not limited to:

(a) the Improving Access to Behavioral Health Information Technology Act (S. 1732/H.R. 3331);

(b) SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, Public Law 115-271, which includes substance use disorder prevention that promotes opioid recovery and treatment;

(c) partnering with regional jail and community corrections providers;

(d) other public agencies; and

(e) grants from the Montana health care foundation and other foundations."

Renumber: subsequent sections

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