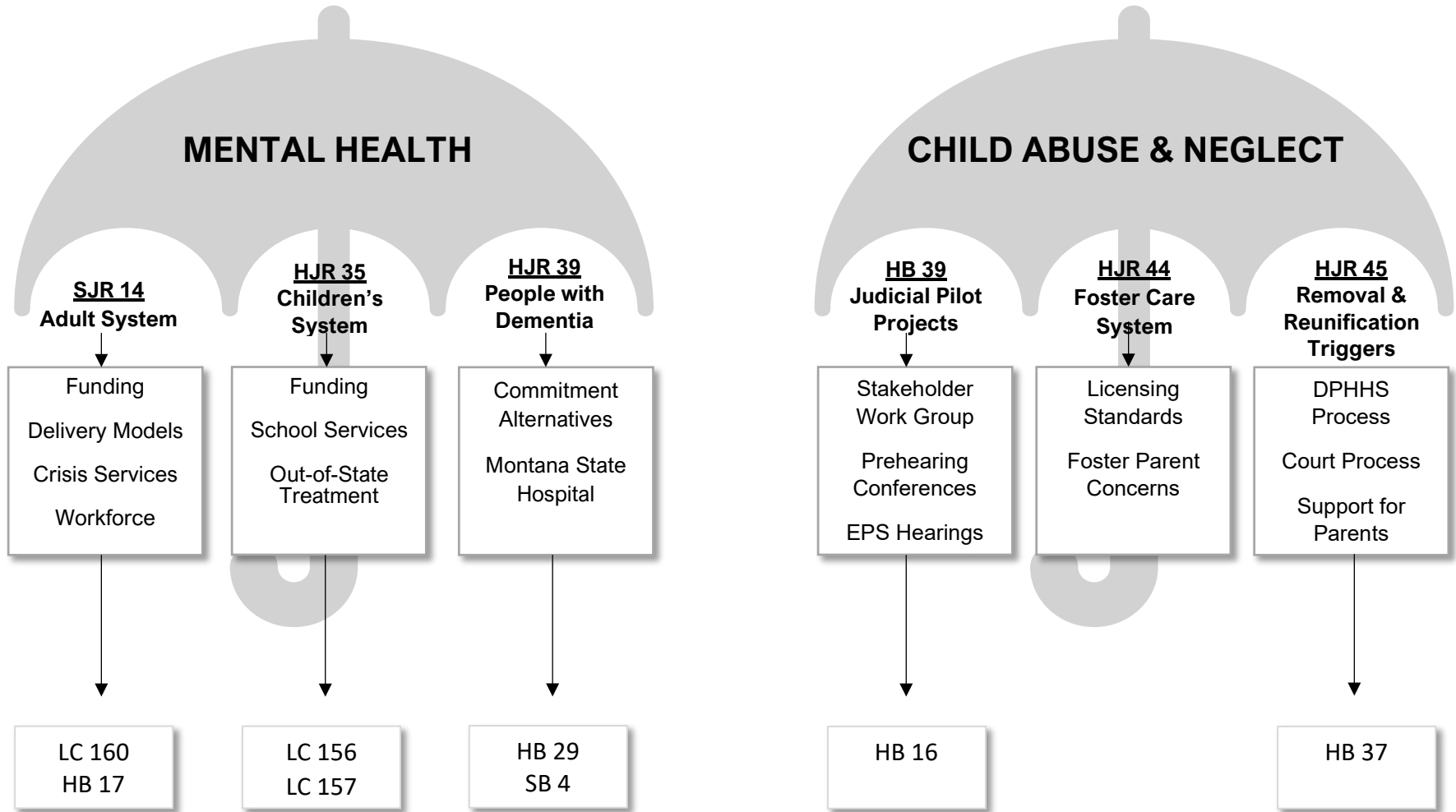


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- [Mental Health Studies Final Report](#)

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SJR 14: LC 160

Goal: Increase behavioral health workforce

- Allows Montana licensure of a person who has been licensed at least 1 year in another state, if license is in good standing
- Applies to: social workers, professional counselors, addiction counselors, marriage and family therapists, and peer support specialists

SJR 14: HOUSE BILL 17

Goal: Create new delivery model for mental health and substance use treatment

- Requires DPHHS to apply for a waiver to put CCBHC model in place by January 1, 2024
- Allows but does not require Medicaid coverage of CCBHC services
- Implementation is subject to available funding

HJR 35: LC 156

Goal: Improve capacity to serve children in state

- Increases Medicaid reimbursement rates for in-state PRTFs and TGHs that serve children who meet certain age or acuity levels identified by DPHHS
- Sunsets in 4 years

HJR 35: LC 157

Goal: Strengthen existing qualified provider pool

- Requires PRTFs and TGHs that receive enhanced Medicaid rates to submit a proposed plan of care for a child at risk of out-of-state placement

HJR 39: HOUSE BILL 29

Goal: More appropriate placement of people with dementia and mental illness

- Ends involuntary commitment of some people with dementia or TBI by July 1, 2025
- Requires DPHHS to transition MSH patients with dementia/TBI into community settings
- Establishes legislatively staffed Transition Review Committee to monitor progress
- **Appropriation:** \$39,775 for committee

HJR 39: SENATE BILL 4

Goal: Transparency of abuse and neglect incidents at MSH

- Requires the Montana State Hospital to share reports of abuse and neglect with the statewide protection and advocacy program for the mentally ill

HB 39: HOUSE BILL 16

Goal: Strengthen prehearing conferences and emergency protective services (EPS) hearings

- Requires all judicial districts to hold PHCs
- Removes prohibition on using EPS hearings in ICWA cases
- Requires DPHHS to share certain information with OPD more quickly
- **Appropriations:** \$450,000/biennium for PHCs; \$300,000/biennium for OPD

HJR 45: HOUSE BILL 37

Goal: Strengthen parental rights

- Requires warrant for removal of children except in exigent circumstances and law enforcement assistance with removals
- Requires an abuse and neglect petition to be filed and an EPS hearing to be held within 72 hours of an emergency removal
- Changes criteria for dismissal of abuse and neglect cases