

SB 974 -- MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SPONSOR: Shields (Dempsey)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Care Policy by a vote of 9 to 0.

Beginning November 1, 2007, this bill changes the date by which the Department of Mental Health has to develop a plan for persons on the waiting list for services from November 1, 2003, to November 1 of each year.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say the bill is necessary to require the Department of Mental Health to publish an annual waiting list for mental health services.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Shields; and Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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