

HB 2267 -- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MO HEALTHNET

SPONSOR: Allen

Effective July 1, 2015, the bill transfers all powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Health and Senior Services as follows and as defined in the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974:

(1) The Division of Senior and Disability Services, the State Board of Senior Services, and the Home Health Services Advisory Council are transferred to the Human Services Division within the Department of Social Services;

(2) The Division of Regulation and Licensure, the Division of Community and Public Health, and the Office of Minority Health, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, and the Office of Women's Health within the Division of Administration are transferred to the Department of Mental Health and Health;

(3) All powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Health and Senior Services involving the MO HealthNet program and Medicaid are transferred to the Department of MO HealthNet; and

(4) All powers, duties, and functions of the Department of Health and Senior Services not otherwise specifically transferred in these provisions are transferred to the Division of Health within the Department of Mental Health and Health.

Effective July 1, 2015, the bill establishes the "Department of MO HealthNet." All of the powers, duties, and functions of the MO HealthNet Division and the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit are transferred to the Department of MO HealthNet as specified in the bill. All powers, duties, and functions involving the MO HealthNet Program and Medicaid in the Department of Mental Health and Health and the former Department of Health and Senior Services are transferred to the Department of MO HealthNet as specified in the bill.

Currently, the Department of Mental Health is headed by the Mental Health Commission. The bill renames the department to be the Department of Mental Health and Health and the commission to be the Mental Health and Health Commission. The bill changes the composition of the commission to also include practitioners from outside the mental health field as specified in the bill.

Effective July 1, 2015, the bill establishes the "Division of Health" within the Department of Mental Health and Health. The division must have all the powers, duties, and functions

transferred to the division under these provisions and any other duties assigned to it by the department.

Effective July 1, 2015, the bill transfers all powers, duties, and functions involving the MO HealthNet program and Medicaid in the Department of Social Services, including but not limited to the MO HealthNet Division and the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit, to the Department of MO HealthNet.

The bill creates the "Welfare Division" within the Department of Social Services. The Welfare Division must be responsible for all entitlement and public assistance programs, other than MO HealthNet and Medicaid, assigned by law to the Department of Social Services, including but not limited to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The bill creates the "Human Services Division" within the Department of Social Services. The Human Services Division must have all the powers, duties, and functions:

- (1) Of the Children's Division, the Division of Youth Services, and the State Technical Assistance Team within the Office of the Director;
- (2) Assigned to the department by law regarding child support enforcement and rehabilitation services for the blind; and
- (3) Of the Division of Senior and Disability Services, the State Board of Senior Services, and the Home Health Services Advisory Council.

The bill abolishes the Children's Division, Family Support Division, Division of Youth Services, Division of Legal Services, and the Division of Finance and Administration.

The provisions of the bill must not be enforceable until enabling legislation to enact, amend, transfer, and repeal the statutory provisions required to implement these provisions is enacted and upon enactment these provisions must become enforceable on the following July 1.