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HOUSE BILL 22-1214

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING CHANGES TO THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE
102 SYSTEM.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires crisis system facilities and programs, including crisis walk-in centers and mobile crisis programs, to meet minimum standards to provide mental health and substance use disorder services. The bill clarifies that crisis system facilities and programs shall provide behavioral health services to individuals experiencing a substance use disorder crisis. Mobile crisis programs and crisis walk-in centers shall

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provide crisis services to any individual, including youth of any age.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 27-60-104, **amend**
3 **as it will become effective July 1, 2022,** (1); **amend** (3)(b); and **add**
4 (3)(a.5) and (3.5) as follows:

5 **27-60-104. Behavioral health crisis response system - crisis**
6 **service facilities - walk-in centers - mobile response units - report.**

7 (1) All behavioral health entities, crisis walk-in centers, acute treatment
8 units, MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS, and crisis stabilization units within the
9 crisis response system, regardless of ~~facility~~ PROGRAM licensure, ~~must be~~
10 ~~able to~~ SHALL MEET STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO SECTION
11 27-66-105. FACILITY-BASED CRISIS SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST BE
12 APPROVED OR DESIGNATED TO adequately care for an individual brought
13 to the facility through the emergency mental health procedure described
14 in section 27-65-105 ~~or a voluntary application for mental health services~~
15 ~~pursuant to section 27-65-103~~ AND BE AN APPROVED TREATMENT
16 FACILITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-106. The arrangements for care
17 must be completed through the crisis response system or prearranged
18 partnerships with other crisis intervention services.

19 (3) (a.5) ALL CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE'S
20 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL BE APPROPRIATELY LICENSED,
21 ADEQUATELY PREPARED, AND PROPERLY STAFFED TO PROVIDE SERVICES
22 TO AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, AS THAT TERM IS
23 DEFINED IN SECTION 27-81-102. A CRISIS WALK-IN CENTER SHALL
24 PRIORITIZE TREATING HIGH-ACUITY INDIVIDUALS IN THE LEAST
25 RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

1 (b) ~~Increasing~~ The ability of CRISIS walk-in centers to accept
2 individuals through the emergency mental health procedure outlined in
3 section 27-65-105, A VOLUNTARY APPLICATION FOR SUBSTANCE USE
4 DISORDER SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 27-81-109, or a voluntary
5 application for mental health services pursuant to section 27-65-103 may
6 include, but is not limited to, purchasing, installing, and using telehealth
7 operations for mobile crisis evaluations in partnership with hospitals,
8 clinics, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate service
9 providers.

10 (3.5) MOBILE CRISIS PROGRAMS AND CRISIS WALK-IN CENTERS
11 SHALL PROVIDE CRISIS SERVICES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING YOUTH
12 OF ANY AGE. ALL ADDITIONAL OR CORRESPONDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
13 SERVICES MUST BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE
14 STATE LAWS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SECTIONS 12-245-203.5,
15 13-22-102, AND 27-65-103.

16 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
17 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.