

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2520

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON (23).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a statewide mobile mental health unit program.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 630.1130, to read as follows:

630.1130. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Local public health agency", a county health center board established
3 under chapter 205, a county health department, a combined city and county health
4 department or agency, a multicounty health department or agency, or any other county
5 health authority;

6 (2) "Mobile mental health unit", a vehicle that travels to various locations in
7 communities in order to provide services within the vehicle to promote mental health
8 and public awareness of mental health issues;

9 (3) "Program", the statewide mobile mental health unit program established in
10 subsection 3 of this section.

11 2. The department of mental health shall apply for grant funding from the
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services to establish mobile mental
13 health units throughout the state in cooperation with local public health agencies.

14 3. There is hereby established the "Statewide Mobile Mental Health Unit
15 Program" within the department of mental health. Upon receipt of any grant moneys
16 under subsection 2 of this section, the department of mental health shall implement the

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **program by cooperating with local public health agencies to establish mobile mental**
18 **health units in communities across the state.**

19 **4. Each mobile mental health unit established by the program shall:**

20 **(1) Provide information about mental illness and substance use and combat the**
21 **stigma associated with mental illness and substance use;**

22 **(2) Provide information about behavioral health care services available in the**
23 **community and assist individuals in accessing such services;**

24 **(3) Assist individuals in scheduling appointments for behavioral health care**
25 **services; and**

26 **(4) Facilitate public participation in events that promote preventive health**
27 **measures.**

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