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SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013621): Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to collaborate with an accredited organization approved by the Board of Medical Examiners (Board) to create a continuing education program, for the purpose of providing healthcare professionals with information or training relative to public safety around individuals who may need emergent or non-emergent treatment related to their mental health.

Requires the program to be available to all healthcare professionals online and account for a minimum of two hours of continuing education credit that counts toward existing continuing education requirements.

Requires DOH to make the program available on the Board's website within six months of the Board's approval of the program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The information or training required under the proposed legislation shall include:
 - Identifying and reporting individuals who may need emergent or non-emergent treatment related to their mental health;
 - The emergency and non-emergency involuntary admission process, including the statutory duty to involuntarily detain, evaluate, or admit an individual to an inpatient treatment facility;
 - Safety in healthcare settings, including how to protect staff and patients from threats, including threats of mass violence and an active shooter; and
 - Maintaining HIPAA compliance while completing any necessary communication, writing, or reporting during the emergency and non-emergency involuntary admission process.
- The proposed legislation requires the program to be at least two hours and requires the credits to count toward existing continuing education requirements. The new program will not impact the requirements of healthcare professionals as the course will count toward existing continuing education requirements.
- It is assumed that DOH can collaborate on the creation of and the Board can approve and make available the online training program within existing resources, as DOH has

indicated that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact the revenues, expenditures, or operations of the department or of the Board.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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