

HEALTH SERVICES -- INSTITUTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH

Emergency Detention Procedures
[LFB Paper #376]

Motion:

Move to adopt the following modifications to the Governor's recommendations regarding emergency detention and mental health crisis service grants:

1. Modify the bill's provisions related to emergency detention procedures by adopting the following: (a) modify the list of persons who are authorized to conduct a crisis assessment ("physician who has completed residency in psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, or a mental health professional") to modify "mental health professional" with the phrase "as determined by the Department;" and (b) specify that a crisis assessment may be performed in person or through phone or telemedicine technology.

2. Adopt Alternative B2 of Paper #376, which would delete the Governor's recommendations to delete the Milwaukee County 24-hour rule for emergency detentions (retain the 24-hour rule).

3. Delete the Governor's recommendation to eliminate statutory provisions related to the Milwaukee County emergency detention pilot program. Instead, extend the sunset date for the program from May 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017.

4. Adopt Alternative D1 of Paper #376, which would approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$1,500,000 PR in 2015-16 for crisis system grants.

Note:

Under the bill, a crisis assessment conducted prior to any county approval for emergency detention must be conducted by a physician who has completed residency in psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, or a mental health professional. This motion would modify "mental health professional" with the phrase "as determined by the Department."

In addition to this change, the motion would specify that a crisis assessment may be performed in person or through phone or telemedicine technology.

Under current law, a person taken into custody for the purposes of emergency detention in Milwaukee County must be evaluated with 24-hours to determine if he or she meets the criteria for emergency detention. The bill would eliminate this requirement. This motion would delete the

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Governor's recommendation, thereby retaining the Milwaukee County 24-hour rule.

This motion would delete the Governor's recommendation to eliminate the Milwaukee County emergency detention pilot program, and would extend the sunset date of the pilot program from May 1, 2016, to July 1, 2017.

Finally, this motion would adopt Alternative D1, which would approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$1,500,000 PR in crisis service grants.