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2013 BILL

AN ACT *to create* 51.42 (7) (d) of the statutes; **relating to:** reporting on county performance on providing core mental health services and requiring the exercise of rule–making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, among other responsibilities of counties related to mental health of its residents, a county board of supervisors or county boards of supervisors of two or more counties must establish a county department of community programs to administer a community mental health, developmental disabilities, alcoholism and drug abuse program, make appropriations to operate the program, and authorize grant applications to fund the program. The county department of community programs, which is governed by a county community programs board, has various powers and duties including the duties of entering into contracts to render or secure services and preparing a local plan which includes an inventory of existing resources, identifies needed resources and services and contains a plan for meeting the needs of those who are mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic, or drug abusers and those with other psychiatric disabilities. The Department of Health Services (DHS) also has various duties related to the county departments of community programs including reviewing requests and certifying county departments of community programs and community mental health programs; developing a training curriculum for use in training members of the county community programs boards and county human services boards; and prescribing certain standards and requirements.

BILL

This bill requires DHS to promulgate rules by January 1, 2016, to create a mechanism for counties to report which mental health services and programs they provide.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 51.42 (7) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

51.42 **(7)** (d) By January 1, 2016, the department shall promulgate rules to create a mechanism for counties to report to the department which mental health services and programs they provide.

(END)