

Fact Sheet

SB 153 - Behavioral Health Screening and Efficiency

Fiscal Impact: FY 09 - 10 \$76,149, FY 10 - 11 \$74,843

Primary Sponsors: Senator Boyd

Bill Summary: The bill sets forth a legislative declaration concerning the importance of creating a comprehensive approach to behavioral health issues, including mental health and substance use disorders, and establishes the behavioral health transformation council to develop strategies for implementing a systemic transformation of the behavioral health care system. The governor is directed to appoint a behavioral health transformation council whose goal it is to implement a systemic transformation of the behavioral health system.

The current behavioral health systems are full of gaps and overlaps that are costly financially and in human terms. This bill will allow for and encourage the closing of gaps and elimination of overlaps by:

- Creating a mechanism for the state and stakeholders to address cross-department behavioral health concerns.
- Facilitating the transformation of the behavioral health system in Colorado in line with the recommendations of the 1050 commission, including fiscal reform to blend and braid funding between departments rather than continue with numerous duplicative systems that do not interact or collaborate.
- Ensuring the participation of stakeholders and consumers in decision making around behavioral health issues.
- Helping to ensure the behavioral health transformation process continues beyond any single administration.

The bill will sunset in 2020 and will require a yearly report for the legislature to evaluate the progress.

If you have questions about the bill or would like to sign on as a supporter, please contact Stephen Kopanos, skopanos@mhacolorado.org or 720-208-2224

Supporting Organizations:

Colorado Department of Human Services
Federation of Families, Colorado Chapter
NAMI Colorado
Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC)