

SB 5259-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the department of social and health services pertaining to the behavioral health system and purchasing function of the behavioral health administration, except for oversight and management of state-run mental health institutions and licensing and certification activities, to the state health care authority to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Transfers the powers, duties, and functions of the department of social and health services pertaining to licensing and certification of behavioral health provider agencies and facilities, except for state-run mental health institutions, to the department of health to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

Requires the state health care authority to establish a work group to assure that the transition of the state behavioral health authority does not affect the integration of behavioral health services.