2014 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB5001 (Chapter 1)

Item 313 (Not set out)

A. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services proceed in transforming its system of care into a model that embodies best practices and state-of-the art services. The consumer-driven system of services and supports shall promote self-determination, empowerment, recovery, resilience, health, and the highest possible level of consumer participation in all aspects of community life. The transformed system shall include investments in a suitable array and adequate quantity of community-based services, with an emphasis on consumer choice and the appropriate use of facility resources. State facilities shall be redesigned to ensure high quality care, efficient operation, and capacity necessary for persons most in need of such care. Amounts authorized herein, and in related legislation, shall be used to support the transformation of the system of care and to promote the provision of behavioral health and developmental services in the most efficient and appropriate setting. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services may consider the use of public-private partnerships to deliver behavioral health and intellectual disability services as part of the comprehensive behavioral health and intellectual disability system of care, in facilities that are being planned for renovation or replacement. These partnerships may include contracts with private entities for facility operations, unless the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services can demonstrate that continued state operation of the facility is at least as cost effective and provides at least an equivalent or higher level quality care than operation by a private entity.

B. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on July 1, of each year, the State Comptroller shall transfer to the general fund any nongeneral fund balance accumulated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, except for federal grant funds, in excess of $35,000,000.

C. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, with approval of the Governor and the Attorney General in the manner set forth in § 2.2-1150B, is authorized to convey title for the following four properties: 1) Wythe House Group Home, located in Wytheville, Virginia, to the Mount Rogers Community Services Board; 2) Addington Hall, located in Duffield, Virginia, to the Planning District One Behavioral Health Services Board; 3) New Horizons Crisis Stabilization Center, located in Radford, Virginia, to the New River Valley Community Services Board; and 4) Baxter House, located in Oakwood, Virginia, to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board. The conveyance of the properties listed above shall be for such consideration as the Governor may deem appropriate.