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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE:	Mental Health Service	ees		SB	82
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		<u> </u>		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
\$700.0		\$100.0		Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Public Defender Department (PDD)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 82 appropriates \$700.0 in FY02 and FY03 from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of funding various services for the state's mentally ill population, including prescription drugs, housing, jail diversion, emergency aid and other services. DOH may contract with other state and local agencies to provide such needed services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$700.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates it would need additional staff to administer the contracts proposed in the bill. An estimate of \$100.0 is proposed to hire staff and provide operating costs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The PDD reports to not provide funds for the mentally ill would imperil the constitutional rights of a class of citizen that is very much dependent upon the care of the state.

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