



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No.

604

LCO No. 2917



Referred to Committee on

Introduced by: **APPROPRIATIONS**
(APP)

**AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
REINVESTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2006) All federal funds received by
- 2 the state as a result of the implementation of the Behavioral Health
- 3 Partnership shall be deposited in a separate nonlapsing account which
- 4 shall be administered by the Department of Children and Families. An
- 5 amount equal to the estimated savings realized by the state as a result
- 6 of the implementation of the Behavioral Health Partnership shall also
- 7 be deposited in such account. The purpose of the account is to
- 8 strengthen community-based mental health care for children and
- 9 families. Expenditures from the account shall be made in accordance
- 10 with the recommendations of the Department of Children and Families
- 11 and the Department of Social Services to the joint standing committees
- 12 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
- 13 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, children and families
- 14 and social services, and the review and approval of such
- 15 recommendations by said joint standing committees in consultation
- 16 with the Office of Policy and Management and the Community Mental

17 Health Strategy Board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<u>July 1, 2006</u>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide funds to strengthen community-based mental health care for children and families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]