

SB 226

Relating to programs administered by DHS

SB 226 creates a 17-member Task Force on Client and Staff Safety staffed by Department of Human Services to improve the safety and success of the Stabilization and Crisis Unit program. The program serves the most vulnerable and behaviorally challenged individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in a residential setting.

The amendment removes language around crisis teams, which are funded as part of the agency's budget bill and do not require statutory changes, and modifies the task force reporting date from September 2015 to September 2016.

The fiscal impact for the task force is indeterminate and dependent on the scope of work undertaken by the task force, as well as the number of meetings and geographic location of task force members. DHS will monitor the workload created by the bill and seek additional resources if that workload proves to be unmanageable.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 226 be amended by the -A8 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.