

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1065

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARDS; AMENDING SECTION 39-3130, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARDS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PARENT MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS; AND AMENDING SECTION 39-3132, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARDS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 39-3130, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

39-3130. REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD – MEMBERS. A regional mental health board for each region consisting of ~~fourteen~~ seventeen (147) members is hereby created and shall be appointed as provided herein. Members shall be qualified electors and shall represent the following: three (3) county commissioners; two (2) department of health and welfare employees who represent the mental health system within the region; ~~a representative of the children’s mental health regional council who is not an employee of the department of health and welfare~~ two (2) parents of children with a serious emotional disturbance, as defined in section 16-2403, Idaho Code, provided each parent’s respective child is no older than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of appointment; a law enforcement officer; three (3) adult mental health services consumer representatives, advocates or family members; a provider of mental health services within the region; a representative of the elementary or secondary public education system within the region; a representative of the juvenile justice system within the region; a physician or other licensed health practitioner from within the region; a representative of a hospital within the region; and a member of the regional advisory substance abuse authority. The consumer, parent and family representatives shall be selected from nominations submitted by mental health consumer and advocacy organizations. The board shall meet at least twice each year, and shall annually elect a chairperson and other officers as it deems appropriate.

The appointing authority in each region shall be a committee composed of the chairperson of the board of county commissioners of each of the counties within the region, the regional mental health program manager for the department of health and welfare and the regional director for the department of health and welfare. The committee shall meet annually or as needed to fill vacancies on the board. The list of appointments shall be submitted to the department of health and welfare.

Members of the regional mental health advisory board who are serving on the effective date of this act may continue to serve until the end of the current term of their appointment. Appointments made after the effective date of this act shall be made in a manner to achieve the representation provided in this section as soon as reasonably practical.

1 SECTION 2. That Section 39-3132, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 39-3132. POWERS AND DUTIES. The regional mental health board:

4 (1) Shall advise the state mental health authority through the state planning council on
5 local mental health needs within the region;

6 (2) Shall assist in the formulation of an operating policy for the regional service;

7 (3) Shall interpret the regional mental health services to the citizens and agencies of the
8 region;

9 (4) Shall advise the state mental health authority and the state planning council of the
10 progress, problems and proposed projects of the regional service;

11 (5) Shall collaborate with the regional advisory substance abuse authorities ~~and the~~
12 ~~regional children's mental health councils~~ to develop appropriate joint programs;

13 (6) Shall promote improvements in the delivery of mental health services and coordinate
14 and exchange information regarding mental health programs in the region;

15 (7) Shall identify gaps in available services including, but not limited to, services listed
16 in sections 16-2402(3) and 39-3128, Idaho Code, and recommend service enhancements that
17 address identified needs for consideration to the state mental health authority;

18 (8) Shall assist the state planning council on mental health with planning for service
19 system improvement. The state planning council shall incorporate the recommendation to the
20 regional mental health boards into the annual report provided to the governor by June 30 of
21 each year. This report shall also be provided to the legislature; and

22 (9) May develop, or obtain proposals for, a service plan component for consideration by
23 the state mental health authority.