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House Bill 5332 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Mental Health Code to require the Department of Community Health to create a uniform substance use disorder credentialing program that would establish standards for the provision of substance use disorder services by State departments and agencies.

"Substance use disorder services" would mean substance use disorder prevention services or substance use disorder treatment and rehabilitation services.

Specifically, the Department of Community Health (DCH) would have to establish, maintain, and revise, as necessary, a uniform substance use disorder credentialing program for State department or agency use. In doing so, the DCH could consult with other State departments and agencies that would be required to comply with the program.

The DCH would have to ensure that the uniform credentialing program would do all of the following:

- Create uniformity in the State to streamline the provision of substance use disorder services by State departments and agencies and to enhance workforce development, training education, and service delivery.
- Establish a uniform credentialing requirement for individuals who provide substance use disorder services through a State department or agency.
- Eliminate any hardship surrounding the functioning and operation of substance use disorder services provided by State departments and agencies to Michigan residents.
- Promote policies that would support adequate staffing and evidence-based skills or training to meet the needs of Michigan residents and the State departments and agencies providing substance use disorder services.
- Comply with the national certification standards for substance use disorder counselors and prevention professionals.
- Meet the needs of the population served by each State department or agency providing substance use disorder services to Michigan residents, directly or through a contract.

A State department or agency providing substance use disorder services to Michigan residents, directly or through a contract, would have to comply with the uniform credentialing program. Once the DCH Director certified the program as in full force and effect, a State department or agency subject to this requirement would have to ensure that all of its forms, processes, and contracts relating to the provision of substance use disorder services complied with the program.

Within six months after the bill's effective date, and then annually, the DCH would have to submit a report to the Legislature. The report would have to describe the Department's activities under these provisions, including the establishment of the uniform credentialing program and any revisions to it.

(The Code defines "substance use disorder" as chronic disorder in which repeated use of alcohol, drugs, or both, results in significant and adverse consequences.)

Proposed MCL 330.1274a

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a negative impact on the State and no fiscal impact on local government. The negative impact would stem from increased administrative costs being placed on the Department of Community Health in order to create and maintain a uniform substance use disorder credentialing program. The impact of this bill could be lessened by the existence of current certification and credentialing requirements for substance use disorder programs and staff. Currently, substance use disorder treatment programs must be accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, the American Osteopathic Association, the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families & Children, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or the National Committee on Quality Assurance, in order to receive funds through the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration with the DCH. Additionally, staff qualification and credentialing requirements for the substance abuse coordinating agency provider network can be found on the DCH website. The existence of current credentialing requirements would decrease the cost of the bill by allowing for a synthesis of requirements, rather than the development of an entirely new set of qualifications.

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