BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.: SB 295 Version: Engrossed

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Research Analysis

SB 295 requires all state agencies that provide, contract for or otherwise fund mental health and substance abuse services to report, on or before September 30, 2021, the following to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES):

- The name, purpose and primary funding source(s) of all services provided by the agency;
- A financial summary that includes annual spending on each service in each of the last five state fiscal years; and
- Service outcome summaries that include target population(s), numbers served and relevant metrics associated with the performance of the program.

The measure directs OMES to compile the reports into one unified report to submit to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency, the Governor and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Strategic Planning Council on or before November 30, 2021.

Additionally, the measure creates the aforementioned Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Strategic Planning Council. The Council will have 18 members, specified by the measure, and must develop a five-year comprehensive statewide mental health and substance abuse services strategic plan informed by the unified report provided by OMES. The Council is to meet for the first time on or before January 31, 2022, and hold regular monthly meetings until the strategic plan is completed, on or before June 30, 2022. The Council must submit the plan, which will be active from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2027, to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency and the Governor, and make the plan available to the public through each member agency website. Members of the Council shall not receive compensation, but legislative members shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses. The measure directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to staff the Council. The measure also directs state agencies that provide, contract for or otherwise fund mental health and substance abuse services to align their annual agency budgets with the strategic plan developed by the Council.

Lastly, the measure requires the Council to have quarterly meetings during the implementation of the five-year strategic plan to compile progress reports from each agency, which the Council shall then compile into a unified report to provide to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency and the Governor, and make the report available to the public through each member agency website on or before June 30th of each year.

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Fiscal Analysis

From OMES: There is no expected fiscal impact from this bill as OMES Budget would work to include this report into their current processes and reports that they do.

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Other Considerations

None.

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