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Bill Analysis

SB 295 directs all state agencies that provide, contract for, or otherwise fund mental health and substance abuse services to submit a report to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) not later than September 30, 2021. The contents of the report shall include services provided by the agency, a financial summary, and outcome summaries for each program. OMES is directed by the measure to compile all reports submitted to the agency and publish the compilation no later than November 30 ,2021.

The measure also creates the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Strategic Planning Council. Membership shall be comprised of 18 individuals. The Council is directed by the measure to develop a 5-year comprehensive statewide mental health and substance abuse services strategic plan addressing the issues outlined in the measure. The first meeting of the Council shall occur on or before January 31, 2022 and shall complete the strategic plan no later than June 30, 2022. The plan shall be sent to the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House. The measure also requires those agencies that provide, contract for, or otherwise fund mental health and substance abuse services to align their agency budgets and estimates of funding with the plan developed by the Council. The Council shall continue to monitor progress during the 5-year plan.

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