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Bill Number:	S. 0343	Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject:	Crisis Stabilization Units	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill expands the definition of a crisis stabilization unit facility to include all short-term residential stabilization and intensive crisis services for ages five and older in addition to those operated by or in partnership with the Department of Mental Health. The bill also expands the age range that these facilities serve from age eighteen and over to age five and older. All crisis stabilization unit facilities are currently exempt from the Certificate of Need review as they do not meet the definition of health care facility, and the bill does not change this process. However, these facilities will now come under licensure and oversight requirements pursuant to Section 44-7-260.

This bill is not expected to impact expenditures for DHEC since the agency anticipates being able to update the current regulation and can create standards for the licensure, maintenance, and operation of these facilities for individuals ages five to seventeen within existing appropriations and with existing staff. However, the number of potential new applicants and licensees is unknown. If the number increases significantly, the bill may impact DHEC's expenditures.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is pending, contingent upon a response.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill amends the definition of a crisis stabilization unit facility to include all short-term residential stabilization and intensive crisis services. Currently, a crisis stabilization unit must be operated by or in partnership with the Department of Mental Health. The bill also expands the definition to include services for age five and older, instead of age eighteen and older.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC indicates that crisis stabilization unit facilities are currently exempt from Certificate of Need review since the term crisis stabilization unit is not included in the definition of a health care facility, among other things. This bill does not change this process. Under this bill, these facilities will not need a written exemption from the agency.

However, these facilities will now come under licensure and oversight requirements pursuant to Section 44-7-260. DHEC will need to update current regulation that governs standards for crisis stabilization unit facilities to remove the requirement that the facility must be operated by or in partnership with the Department of Mental Health. The agency will also need to create standards for the licensure, maintenance, and operation of facilities serving ages five to seventeen. Further, DHEC will issue licenses and conduct inspections pursuant to current regulation. DHEC anticipates being able to manage updating the current regulation and creating the additional standards within existing appropriations and with existing staff. However, the number of potential new applicants and licensees is unknown. If the number increases significantly, the bill may impact DHEC's expenditures.

Department of Health and Human Services. The expenditure impact of this bill on DHHS is pending, contingent upon a response.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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