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H 2078. INCREASE STATE FUNDING FOR MH/DD/SA SERVICES. Filed 5/17/06. TO INCREASE STATE FUNDING AND FLEXIBILITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES. Appropriates \$72,888,259 for 2006-07 from the General Fund to the Department of Health & Human Services, funds to be allocated as follows: \$29,435,119 for developmental therapies for the developmentally disabled; \$21,726,070 for mental health services; and \$21,726,070 for substance abuse services. Requires that mental health and substance abuse funds be allocated to those area authorities and county programs where the current state service dollar allocation per capita is less than the median state service dollar per capita allocation. Authorizes area authorities and county programs, until July 1, 2007, to transfer up to 15% of funds between age and disability categories, but only after documenting that the service needs of the category from which funds are being transferred have been addressed. Effective July 1, 2006.

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