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**H 1557. LME RESTRUCTURING PILOT/FUNDS.** Filed 4/17/07. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR A PILOT PROJECT TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ENACTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TRANSFORMATION TO A COMPREHENSIVE BEST PRACTICE SERVICE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.*

Appropriates \$1,492,000 for 2007-08 and \$1,930,000 for 2008-09 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services (MH/DD/SA). Directs that the funds be allocated as nonunit cost reimbursement funds for the Albemarle Local Management Entity (LME) to design and implement the business structure for a five-year pilot program to assess the affordability and sustainability of an alternative business model for the management and delivery of best practice mental health, developmental disabilities, and abuse services in remote, rural, low-wealth communities. Directs that appropriated funds that are unexpended and unencumbered at the end of each fiscal year do not revert to the General Fund but are to remain with DHHS to be used for the purposes of the act. Requires MH/DD/SA to report annually to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services and make a final report by March 1, 2013. Effective July 1, 2007, and expires July 1, 2012.

**Intro. by Owens.**

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