FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 409   **PRINTERS NO.** 1748   **PRIME SPONSOR**: Galloway

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	$0	$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 409, Printer's Number 1748, amends the Human Services Code to establish a mental health care services clearinghouse. This legislation is effective in one year.

ANALYSIS: HB 409 authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Education, to establish an online clearinghouse for mental health services, which will be made available on an internet website accessible by the public.

The website shall at a minimum include an online database of the following:
- Existing mental health care providers organized by county.
- Existing mental health care resources, including relevant nonprofit organizations, support groups, and local hotlines organized by county.
- National hotlines and resources accessible through the internet.
- Existing mental health care services covered under Medical Assistance and the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- Other relevant information.

Participating state agencies may utilize existing resources or clearinghouses available from other agencies to compile the information, as well as exploring the possibility of federal or private funding to support the clearinghouse. DHS, in cooperating with the Department of Health and the Department of Education, shall ensure that the clearinghouse is updated on a quarterly basis. Participating agencies shall promote the availability of the clearinghouse, including by the Department of Education notifying public and nonpublic school entities and personnel when the clearinghouse is available.

FISCAL IMPACT: According to DHS, enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.