BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: ODMHSAS: Potential Costs

Research Analysis

HB 2248, as introduced, requires the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to develop and implement rural mental health and treatment diversion pilot programs, contingent upon funding. The measure authorizes the Department to enter into contracts for this purpose and requires them to promulgate rules as necessary for implementation.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2248 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) to implement rural mental health and treatment diversion pilot programs to divert the number of individuals with mental health issues from entering the criminal justice system. ODMHSAS may enter into contracts to implement these programs.

ODMHSAS has been contacted regarding potential fiscal implications for the agency. As ODMHSAS provides feedback on potential costs, this impact will be updated.

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Other Considerations

None.

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