

HCS HB 557 -- MENTAL HEALTH EARNINGS FUND

SPONSOR: Grisamore

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Standing Committee on Disability Services by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute allows the Mental Health Earnings Fund to be used for the deposit of revenue received from the proceeds of any sales and services from Mental Health First Aid USA. Subject to the approval through the appropriation process, the proceeds must be used to fund Mental Health First Aid USA activities and must be accounted for separately from all other revenues deposited into the fund. The Department of Mental Health is not required to pay the fund for proceeds made from these sales and services.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of Unknown less than \$100,000 in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will build awareness to mobilize greater care and services for Mental Health First Aid and advances mental health priorities. Mental Health First Aid is a 12-hour course to teach the public on how to react to a mental health crisis. The bill helps individuals learn more about mental health issues in order to provide better assistance when a crisis occurs. One dollar of the proceeds per manual sold from the publisher will go toward the Mental Health First Aid Fund USA.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Grisamore; and Department of Mental Health.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.