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House Bill 5927 (Substitute H-1 as discharged)

Sponsor: Representative Gabe Leland House Committee: Health Policy Senate Committee: Health Policy

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Mental Health Code to require the Director of the Department of Community Health (DCH) to appoint a medical director of mental health services who was an appropriately credentialed psychiatrist. The medical director would have to do all of the following:

- -- Advise the DCH Director on mental health policy and treatment issues.
- -- Serve as a resource on mental health clinical matters to all divisions within the DCH, other State departments, and the mental health field.
- -- Promote the use of mental health care and treatment best practices that were scientifically validated and recovery-oriented.

MCL 330.1104 Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. The current acting Medical Director of Mental Health Services meets the requirements proposed by the bill.

Date Completed: 12-13-06 Fiscal Analyst: David Fosdick