

House Bill 1675

By: Representative Lim of the 99th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, so as to provide that
3 a comprehensive review of the behavioral health system in this state include an examination
4 of innovative designs for facilities that provide behavioral health services; to provide for
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 6 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission, is amended by revising Code
10 Section 37-1-111, relating to the creation of the Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and
11 Innovation Commission, as follows:

12 "37-1-111.

13 (a) There is created the Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission
14 for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive review of the behavioral health system in
15 Georgia. Such review shall include the behavioral health services and facilities available
16 in this state, the identification of behavioral health issues in children, adolescents, and

adults, the role the educational system has in the identification and treatment of behavioral health issues, the impact behavioral health issues have on the court system and correctional system, the legal and systemic barriers to treatment of mental illnesses, workforce shortages that impact the delivery of care, whether there is sufficient access to behavioral health services and supports and the role of payers in such access, the impact on how untreated behavioral illness can impact children into adulthood, the need for aftercare for persons exiting the criminal justice system, the examination of innovative designs for facilities that provide behavioral health services, and the impact of behavioral illness on the state's homeless population.

(b) As used in this article, the term 'commission' means the Georgia Behavioral Health Reform and Innovation Commission."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.