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CMH PEER REVIEW

House Bill 4843

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Committee: Mental Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4843 AS INTRODUCED 5-20-91

Currently the Mental Health Code requires each county program to regularly review the appropriateness of programs, treatment, and community services provided in community settings and to ensure that appropriate services are received in accord with the standards of the Department of Mental Health. The bill would amend the code to require county programs to conduct reviews of the professional practices in the county program in order to assure the quality of care provided to program recipients (so-called "peer reviews"). The information generated by such peer reviews would be confidential. This information would not be public records, would not be subject to court subpoena, and could be used only for review. The bill would specify that the amendment would not prevent disclosure of individual case records required under section 748 (MCL 333.1748) of the code, which requires disclosure of confidential patient records under a number of specified circumstances.

MCL 333.209d