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SECTION 39. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly is committed to working with the executive branch to create an efficient and effective substance abuse treatment system. This commitment is based on the belief that a well-designed treatment system can address many of the societal and personal problems created by substance abuse. Therefore, the General Assembly declares its intent on the issues outlined in paragraphs (1) through (4):

(1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) shall require treatment providers to use funding for salary enhancements to increase compensation for addictions counselors;

(2) In conjunction with all State agencies involved with treatment issues, DHMH shall develop long-term outcome measures to evaluate the performance of treatment providers. Given that it may take some time to develop these long-term outcome measures, the department shall use any performance data that is more immediately available to hold treatment providers accountable for the quality of services;

(3) DHMH shall meet the requirements of the federal Synar amendment to protect funding under the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant; and

(4) DHMH shall coordinate expansion of treatment services with capital grant awards under the Community Mental Health Facilities Program.

To create a well-designed system, the General Assembly needs to ensure that plans to expand and reform the treatment system are implemented appropriately. Therefore, the requirements in paragraphs (5) through (10) must be met:

(5) DHMH may not expend ~~\$5,000,000~~ ~~\$4,625,000~~ \$5,000,000 in general funds under budget code MK02.02 for grants to expand treatment services in the regions with the greatest needs until the department has submitted a report outlining the formula that will be used to allocate funds. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment upon the report;

(6) DHMH may not expend ~~\$350,000~~ ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$350,000 in general funds and \$1,000,000 in Cigarette Restitution Funds under budget code MK02.02 for