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HOUSE BILL No. 2033

By Committee on Insurance

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AN ACT concerning insurance; requiring a report to the legislature re garding providing coverage for certain mental illnesses.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

14 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 40-2249a, 15and amendments thereto, the state employees health care commission 16 established by K.S.A. 75-6501 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall 17deliver to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives on or before March 1, 2002, a report indicating the 1819 impact providing mental illness benefits in excess of corresponding ben-20 efits required by K.S.A. 40-2,105, and amendments thereto, has had on 21 the state health care benefits program. Such report shall include data for 22 a period of 12 consecutive months on the utilization and costs of providing 23first dollar coverage for such benefits as required by K.S.A. 40-2,105, and 24amendments thereto. Such report shall also include a recommendation 25whether such coverage should continue for the state health care benefits program or whether additional utilization and cost data is required. Such 26 27 report shall identify specifically the costs associated with the benefits provided for each of the conditions identified in subsection (b). 28

(b) For the purposes of this act, "mental illness" means the following: 29 30 Schizophrenia, shizoaffective schizoaffective disorder, shizophreniform 31 schizophreniform disorder, brief reactive psychosis, paranoid or delu-32 sional disorder, atypical psychosis, major affective disorders (bipolar and 33 major depression), cyclothymic and dysthymic disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder and pervasive developmental disorder, 34 35 including autism, as such terms are defined in the diagnostic and statistical 36 manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, (DSM-IV, 1994) of the Amer-37 ican psychiatric association but shall not include conditions not attributable to a mental disorder that are a focus of attention or treatment. 38

- 39 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its40 publication in the statute book.
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