

## Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2752

By Social Services Budget Committee

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10 AN ACT enacting the geriatric mental health act; establishing a geriatric  
11 mental health program administered by the department on aging.

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

14 Section 1. (a) The secretary of aging shall establish a geriatric mental  
15 health service program to provide funding for education, outreach and  
16 services through the area agencies on aging targeted to older adults ex-  
17 periencing mental health issues and to the providers who work with them.  
18 This program shall be administered by the department on aging.

19 (b) Funding for the geriatric mental health service program admin-  
20 istered by the secretary of aging, shall be made available to the area  
21 agencies on aging and utilized in a collaborative effort with other state  
22 agencies and mental health service agencies and organizations to provide  
23 education, outreach and mental health services to older adults.

24 (c) Such service shall be provided for older adults regardless of living  
25 arrangements whether recipients rent or own a home or they reside in a  
26 continuing care retirement center, a skilled nursing facility or other adult  
27 care home licensed by the department on aging or the department of  
28 health and environment. The area agencies on aging shall contract with  
29 qualified service providers to deliver services in their planning and service  
30 areas to include: (1) Education on identification of mental illness, diag-  
31 nosis, risk factors and service options; (2) outreach to older adults, families  
32 and caregivers to assist in the identification and referral of older adults  
33 experiencing mental health issues; and (3) mental health treatment by  
34 qualified mental health professionals in the home or other residence set-  
35 ting where the older adults reside.

36 (d) The secretary of aging may adopt rules and regulations necessary  
37 to implement the provisions of this section, including requirements for  
38 outcome and performance measure and program evaluation.

39 (e) This section shall be known and may be cited as the geriatric  
40 mental health act.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
42 publication in the statute book.