

Amend **CSHB 1**, Article II, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation on page II-92 by adding a new Section 61 as follows and by renumbering the remaining sections appropriately:

61. Required Approval for State School or State Hospital Closure. In the event the department satisfies all existing statutory or other legal restrictions pertaining to the potential closure of a state school or state hospital, the department must provide written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of the name and location of the facility proposed to be closed, the number of clients affected, and the time line for implementing the plan to close the facility. The department may not proceed with the plan to close the facility until it receives the formal written approval of both the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.