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# INTRODUCTION

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## Scope and Acknowledgements

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W.S. 28-8-107(b) authorizes the Legislative Service Office to conduct program evaluations, performance audits, and analyses of policy alternatives. Generally, the purpose of such research is to provide a base of knowledge from which policymakers can make informed decisions.

In June 2005 the Management Audit Committee directed staff to undertake a review of House Bill 59 (2002 Laws, Ch. 81) and related substance abuse administrative issues. The bill assigned the lead implementation role to the Department of Health which was to collaborate with other state agencies, and required considerable reporting which the Department and others have done. This report focuses on selected issues for review and analysis:

- Which provisions of HB 59 have been implemented and at what cost?
- Has the Legislature's ongoing funding of HB 59 activities led to the creation of a statewide plan?
- As the lead agency for HB 59, what operational and procedural obstacles has the Department of Health encountered?
- What outcomes can be linked to HB 59 funding? To what extent has the bill's vision of developing a comprehensive system of care been achieved?

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